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HAWKED IN STREETS OF HONGKONG.

NEEDY "PARENTS."

Tales of Woe For the Ears of the Rich.

How long till the children of the rich, needy "parents" will be taken care of?

From time to time young Chinese boys have been taken round the streets and offered for sale. Two such instances were noticed by a "China Mail" reporter this week. In each case the vendor, with his clothing in rags, claimed to be the father. Nobody seemed to doubt the sellers' bona fides and they were allowed to pass on unquestioned.

Occasionally cases of kidnapping, even in the interior, are brought to the notice of the police here. From the resulting Police Court prosecutions it seems as if the usual modus operandi is for a young hopeful to be enticed away from his parents by giving him some food or taking him for a tea-house treat. In both the attempted sales referred to above the boys appeared to follow their owner meekly and neither of them displayed the long tales of woe told by the respective "parents."

That he had been enticed to child poverty through a dishonest fire sweeping through his native village last year and destroying all he had, was the reason advanced by the first, an elderly man of middle age who spoke the Punti dialect. His son, a little boy, had been taken away from him by a stranger who had offered him a good meal. One lady who was approached about the second case, said that about eight, if the man was really his father. Nothing was promised, the young hopeful began to cry. The lady then gave him fifty cents and told the man to go and procure a good meal.

It was the same in the other case. Here the man's excuse for disposing of the boy was that he had set out from an up-country village in Kwangsi to trade in Yuchow but had been waylaid by bandits who had stripped him of all he possessed. As he had a large family to support and could not perform manual labour, he must needs, he said, sell his son to obtain further capital with which to keep the others together. While the father knocked at doors to tell people about his misfortune, the boy went copiously. As usual, the kind ones gave a little silver and the couple went away.

## FALL INTO HOLD

DUTCH LINE SKIPPER'S DEATH.

LIKEABLE PERSONALITY PASSES.

A cable has been received by the Java-China-Japan Lijn from Soerabaya, announcing that Captain J. P. Scholten of the s.s. Tjisondari fell into the No. 1 hold of his steamer at that port and has since succumbed to injuries sustained.

Captain Scholten was one of the oldest J.C.J.L. Captains. He was of a cheery disposition and very well liked by everybody. He leaves a wife and two children, who are at home.

## DOG THAT BIT.

A dog belonging to Mr. Allan, chief engineer of the Macao boat Chuen Chow, was taken to Kennedy Town yesterday to be kept under observation.

It is reported that the animal bit Captain Jones of the same vessel in the leg shortly before it was seized, and that it had also previously attacked two other persons.

For carrying eight passengers in excess of the number allowed by license, the mistress of a coolie boat was fined \$5. at the Marine Court this morning.

## CANTON ITEM.

CHAN KWING-MING FORCES DEFEATED.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Canton, April 2.—General Hsu Shou-chang has inflicted a series of defeats on the forces of Chan Kwing-ming.

Trade between Swatow and interior ports is now rising and the Canton forces are firmly entrenched in surrounding territory. It is stated that General Hsu proposes to leave a subordinate in charge and to return to Canton.

The "warship" captured by Chan Kwing-ming is not a real ship. It is really a transport, from the old Hongkong, which was seized by the Wing Fung for alleged smuggling of arms and silver coins. (The Hok Canton used to call

## TOOK \$23,000.

HONGKONG DIRECTOR'S FALL.

CASH SPECULATING.

Chief Justice Takes Merciful View.

Dabbling in the local share market was said to have been the undoing of a young Chinese, Jung Tan Lloyd, who appeared at an adjourned sitting of the Criminal Sessions this morning to answer charges of forgery and embezzlement.

The sums involved in the charges totalled \$22,995 and were admitted to have been taken from the funds of Lloyd & Co., Ltd. of Hongkong. Receipts confirming matters of credit against documents in London and concerning credits and securities were alleged to cover the defalcations.

The defendant was a young man, Mr. Jung Tan Lloyd, who said that receipts purporting to be those of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank had been forged by the prisoner on dates in between October 6, 1923, and November 6, 1924. The chop of the bank on the receipts was forged.

Mr. Lloyd was due to circumstances not uncommon out here. With a desire to make more money than he got from the business, he speculated on the local share market which went against him, and in order to meet his liabilities he committed his offence in the hope that the market would turn in his favour.

Mr. Jenkin described the action of the defendant's co-partners in handing him over to the police when they found out the defalcations as precipitate, and said that they had very rapidly regretted the course they took. The members of the firm were all either blood relatives or tied by the bonds of affection which spring up in Chinese village life.

The people who were injured by the course the man took, were anxious that the prosecution should stop, and they had applied for it to be at the Magistrate's Court, the matter had been taken there.

Addressing the defendant, Sir Henry Cowper Gollin, Chief Justice, said that his counsel had made a powerful appeal on his behalf for mercy of the Court. Defendant had, as well as he could in pleading guilty, and in trying to make some amends, his offence had been a very deliberate one and he had carried it over a considerable period of time. It was very sad to find in such a position a man who had led a respectable life previously. Those who were most directly interested had appealed to him for a light sentence to be inflicted but as Chief Justice he had to look at the case not merely from the point of view of defendant's partners but also from that of the public. People who committed serious offences like this must not be allowed to think that they could do so with impunity, but he was glad to be able to take a merciful view of the case in all its circumstances, and the sentence of the Court would be imprisonment with hard labour for nine months.

## BAGS OF FLOUR.

ALLEGED FALSE TRADE MARK.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood, the Central Magistrate this morning, Tin Po-lee, of No. 99, Jervois Street, appeared on a summons for having in his possession at the China Navigation Company's godown at Cornhill Road West, some bags of flour to which a false trade mark had been applied. The infringing mark was stated to be the "Kingfisher" mark, the property of Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Ltd.

Mr. M. H. Fisher appeared on behalf of the Company. His Worship explained to the defendant the details of the charges against him, and ordered him to produce a sample of the flour and bags of the flour and bags of the flour and bags of the flour.

The s.s. "Philoctetes," from Seattle, via Hongkong, reports the death of one passenger from pulmonary tuberculosis.

## ONE OF THE STRANGEST RACES IN THE WORLD.



One of the strangest races on record is being run by workers blasting through the granite caverns of the high Sierras, at Huntington Lake, California. Two crews of five hundred men each are working with air drills in mud-filled working posts, with ice cold water dripping upon them, striving to cut down the few remaining feet of stone and earth between them. The tunnel, half a mile under the High Sierras, and 7,000 feet above the sea, when completed, will form the key unit to the Southern California Edison Company's power project, tapping the waters of the San Joaquin River.

## WORLD TOURISTS.

FRANCONIA PASSENGERS IMPRESSED.

LOST WATCH INCIDENT.

The Franconia round-the-world tourists experienced disappointing weather on the first day of their stay yesterday, the drizzle which welcomed them on arrival continuing practically throughout the day.

The party which left for Canton in the morning returned last night. In spite of the bad weather, the majority of those left behind did a little sight-seeing, and incidentally made some purchases.

Apart from other good impressions which the tourists may have gained so soon after their arrival, an incident occurred yesterday which has earned for the shopkeepers of Hongkong a reputation for honesty. On a visit to the Swatow Lace Company's establishment, at 21, Queen's Road Central, Mrs. F. B. Redington inadvertently left behind her wristlet watch valued at gold \$300. The shop people immediately made efforts to restore the article to its owner by posting up a notice outside the shop. They went further by sending notices to the Hongkong Hotel, where the visitors gather in groups, and also to the Franconia. The owner of the watch was traced in the course of the day, and Mrs. Redington and the passengers on the vessel were, not a little impressed by the honesty and painstaking efforts of the local shopkeepers. Needless to say the incident was the subject of much talk amongst the visitors.

The weather conditions to-day, although not as bad as yesterday, are still not conducive to a realisation of the pleasures anticipated by our visitors. Two parties making up a total of 180 left for Macao this morning. The Canton boat also took 80. The remainder are free until the afternoon, when the visitors will get their first glimpse of the New Territories.

With all the arrangements being in the hands of a firm which stands for everything appertaining to the tourist, the visitors are assured of a good time.

## SAID IT WAS 'SINFUL.

EVIDENCE IN INDIAN CASE.

At yesterday's proceedings at the Kowloon Magistracy in the case in which Hakim Kareem Bux stands charged with possession of poisons and illegally practicing medicine, it was disclosed in evidence what was alleged to be a conspiracy at the house of Abbas Khan in Austin Road when certain witnesses for the prosecution were offered packets of medicine which they were to report to the police had come from the defendant.

In answer to questions the defendant said that he intended to register himself as a doctor, but he dismissed the idea on learning that his certificates were no good. He was told that there had been a meeting in Abbas Khan's house.

An Indian watchman giving evidence described the meeting at the house of Abbas Khan when the latter offered those present packets of medicine which they were to give to the police and say they came from the defendant. He himself was offered a packet of powder, but he refused to take it.

Another witness, an Indian sergeant of the R.G.A., deposed to having visited the house of Abbas Khan where he saw a number of people. On learning that they were conspiring against the defendant, he told Abbas Khan that it was sinful to do such a thing.

The case was adjourned for to-day.

## COIN BOX THEFT.

TELEPHONE COMPANY ROBBED.

It was reported to the police yesterday by the China and Japan Telephone Co., Ltd., that the sum of \$100 in coin boxes had been stolen from the company's office at the Railway Station. The company has not known of the theft since.

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**INTIMATIONS.**  
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Tchaikowsky  
5—Allegretto  
Schizand... 8th Symphony... Beethoven  
6—Suite... Scenes Neapolitaines... Massenet  
7—Selection... The Martyr of Antioch... Sull van  
8—Marche aux Flambeaux... Becker  
9—Tone Poem... Finlandia... Sibelius

In addition Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith and Mr. D. M. Richards will assist.

**DENISON RAM AND GIBBS**  
The interest and responsibility of Albert Denison in the firm of Denison Ram and Gibbs will cease on 31st March 1925. Mr. Edmund Frederick Ronald Sample A.R.B.A. is admitted as a partner in the firm from 1st April 1925. The business will be carried on under the name of Denison Ram and Gibbs.  
— Hongkong, 30th March, 1925

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**INTIMATIONS.**

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Third Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company Limited, will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of April, 1925, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended on the 31st December, 1924, and of electing Directors and Auditors.  
The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 2nd to the 8th April, 1925, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board,  
**S. COURTNEY COOK,**  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 26th March, 1925.

**THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at The Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th April, 1925, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended the 31st December, 1924, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.  
The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 1st April, 1925, until Wednesday, the 8th April, 1925, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board,  
**J. BARTHOLOMEW,**  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, 20th March, 1925.

**HONGKONG UNIVERSITY UNION**

**ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS**  
On the University Ground, Pokfulam, on Saturday, April 4, 1925, at 2 p.m.  
**POST ENTRY EVENTS**  
(1) Half-mile Race (Open to the Colony)  
(2) Old Students' Race (220 Yards Handicap)  
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**EARLY BLUEBEARD.**

Five centuries after he was hanged at Nantes for heresy and for the supposed murder of 150 women and children, Marshal Gilles de Rais, or Retz, whose name is associated in France with the story of Bluebeard, may be cleared of guilt as a result of a suit for his rehabilitation which is to be brought in the French courts by a group of historians and lawyers.  
Marshal de Retz, who was one of the most faithful companions in arms of Joan of Arc, possessed magnificent castles in the region of Nantes, to which he retired after the death of Joan.  
He had amassed an immense fortune at the wars, but he rapidly dissipated it. He had 44 private chaplains and maintained a huge retinue.  
When he saw his fortune dwindling he called into his service sorcerers and alchemists to find gold for him. He was accused by public rumour of murdering women and children to wring gold from them.  
**TORTURE CONFESSION.**  
He was brought to trial, and after he had been placed on the rack and subjected to many other forms of torture a confession was wrung from him and he was hanged at Nantes in 1440.  
The movement for his rehabilitation springs from the discovery beneath the castle of Machecoul, one of the marshal's strongholds, of a gold vein which experts declare must at one time have contained gold to the value of several million francs.  
It is pointed out that contrary to the local legend no remains of his supposed victims were ever found. Disappearances were very frequent in the days of wars, rapine, and adventure in which he lived, and his modern defenders maintain that he was the victim of political enemies.  
An association of defenders of his memory has been formed. Eminent counsel declare that under the law which permits the reopening of a case when a new fact is discovered, a suit can be brought even after the lapse of five centuries.  
This new fact, they say, is the discovery of the gold-vein from which it will be sought to prove that he really obtained his mysterious wealth.

**RAIDED CLUB.**

**"A DISGRACE TO LONDON."**  
Frederick Ford, 24, of Calthorpe-street, W.C., proprietor of the Curator Club, Curator-street, Chancery-lane, and John Marshall-say, secretary of the club, appeared on remand at Bow-street charged with selling intoxicating liquors on various dates without licence.  
At the previous hearing 13 men and 21 women charged as "frequenters" were fined and five cases were dismissed.  
Further charges were now preferred against Ford and Marshall-say of selling intoxicants at the club after permitted hours and against Ford of keeping the club for the purpose of music and dancing without a licence. Eighteen other persons were charged with consuming liquor on the premises.  
Mr. Herbert Musker, prosecuting, said it was one of the worst cases of its kind he had brought before the court.  
Ford was a member of the New Avenue Club, 11, Ham-yard, Shaftesbury-avenue, and it was alleged that on Sunday nights he transferred his clientele from there to the Curator Club, together with his staff, and a state of affairs which was a disgrace to any part of London had been allowed to go on under the control of Ford.  
IS. ADMISSION.  
The premises consisted of a large billiard-room, a bar and a dance hall. People resorted there in their hundreds. It professed to be a club, but it was nothing of the sort and was merely a place of public resort. The only restriction, if it could be so called, was that visitors were required to pay a shilling for a ticket for tea, concert or dance. With this ticket any persons, whatever their sex or character, could obtain admission.  
Police officers who visited the premises on three successive Sundays found hundreds of persons gathered for dancing and irregular drinking. Ford and Marshall-say were present. There was noise and disorder, accompanied by drunkenness at times, and the place was conducted in absolute defiance of the law.  
When the premises were raided shortly after midnight on February 2 there were then 242 persons present—156 men and 86 women and girls. There appeared to be 52 persons consuming liquor and these were all arrested.  
The hearing was again adjourned, bail being allowed.

**RACE DECAY.**

**NATION SHOULD NEVER GROW OLD.**  
Dean Inge, speaking at Hord-sham, on "National Decay and Regeneration," said he saw no reason why the nation should ever grow old. If it perished, it perished either from disease or from violence.  
He instanced malaria as a disease which was certainly the cause of the ruin of the races, and internal disruption of the body politic, foreign conquest, with climatical changes, were also referred to.  
"Far more important," proceeded the Dean, "are the discoveries of new trade routes, and new means of production. In the future the Pacific trade will be as important as the Atlantic trade, and for this reason nothing can prevent North America from being the centre of the world's wealth and commerce."  
His position geographically was still a good one, but was no longer the best. The historian of the distant future would probably call ours the age of coal.  
"DYING OFF AT THE TOP."  
Referring to the declining birth-rate, the Dean said we were breeding from the bottom and dying off at the top. If it were skilled workmen who were filling the cradles there would be much less ground for alarm. It was the unskilled, the sub-man, the untaxed dole-receiver, who was the father of the next generation.  
"I have expressly repudiated the pessimistic theory that the nation is growing old," added the Dean. "We are not old; not so old as John Bull in his portraits. There is no reason at all why a nation should not go on renewing its youth."  
This is not to say that we shall always hold our present position as a great power. The area of our country is far too small. The future belongs to the large countries, especially to the United States. But the British Empire is a large country, and taken together ought to rank as one of the chief countries of the world. The race is far more important than nation. A high-minded and idealistic patriotism is far better than cosmopolitanism.

**BOOK BEGGING.**

**BORROWING PREFERRED TO BUYING.**  
Discussing "The Price of Books" in a pamphlet under that title, which is published recently by his firm (66), Mr. Stanley Unwin, of the publisher firm of Messrs. George Allen and Unwin, says—  
The real problem is not over-production, but under-consumption, or, to be more precise, insufficient sales. Most people have not yet learned to regard books as a necessity. They will beg them; they will borrow them; they will do everything, in fact, but buy them. People who would be ashamed to cadge for anything else they wanted, who will unhesitatingly pay 8s. 6d. apiece for a dozen gramophone records, or 12s. 6d. for stalls at a theatre, will think twice, if not three times, before spending even 5s. upon a book which will last a lifetime.  
Mr. Unwin illustrates his contention that we are not liberal book-buyers with "the fact that we in England do not spend on books—per head of population—anything approaching the amount spent by the population of New Zealand, and that, relatively speaking, we have not nearly so many booksellers' shops."  
**RELATIVE CHEAPNESS.**  
Touching present prices, he says "books are relatively cheaper than before the war," and this "despite the undoubted fact that production expenses are double" and other costs have increased. The three chief factors of this relative cheapness he gives as—  
That more books are being sold (it has been possible to print, slightly larger editions).  
That publishers are working on a smaller margin (often insufficient to cover the inevitable proportion of losses).  
That, contrary to the usual impression, fewer books have been published (even in 1923—a prolific year—fewer new books were issued than in 1913, and the number of new books in the last year was also fewer than in the pre-war year).  
Among the increases of manufacture Mr. Unwin mentions that printing "costs nearly three times what it did before the war" and that the "jacket" or "dust-cover" is, in the case of novels, a "most serious item."

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**ANCIENT PALACE.**

**DISCOVERY IN NORTH AFRICA.**  
Professor Paribeni, the Royal Superintendent of Antiquities in Rome, who has just returned from a tour in Tripolitania, states that Roman remains found at Leptis Magna rank among the most perfect to be found anywhere, even in Italy. The dry desert sand has apparently kept everything in a perfect state of preservation, the Imperial Palace with which the Septimius Severus graced his native city, being especially magnificent for the beauty of its marble and the richness of its statues and sculptural decorations. Leptis Magna also contains a public bath, in which great treasures have been found.  
In the professor's opinion the small area which has been excavated so far makes Leptis Magna the finest Roman remains outside Italy.

**NEW THEORY.**

**BIRTH OF SOLAR SYSTEM.**  
A few years ago (writes the Astronomical Correspondent of the London "Daily Chronicle," under date of November 24) under date of November 24) astronomers and physicists generally accepted Lord Kelvin's estimate of the age of the sun as probably about 20,000,000 years, an estimate which geologists were unable to accept. Twenty million years, they declared, was far too short a period to account for the geological phenomena observed in the earth.  
Then came the discovery of radium and radioactivity, which compelled a drastic revision of the Kelvin estimate, and extended the probable life of the sun to something nearer a thousand million years, giving the geologists more time than they wanted.  
Accepting this longer period, Dr. J. H. Jeans, the secretary of the Royal Society, and a very eminent mathematician, investigated the probability that other stars had solar systems, originated by stellar filaments set up by the occasional close approach of two stars.  
His conclusion was that so immense are the distances separating any two stars that even in a thousand million years such a critical approach of two stars could only happen once, or at most twice, and that the probability was that the only planetary system thus formed was our own.  
In the last few months an unexpected factor has been introduced into the problem, due to Professor Eddington, of Cambridge, who puts forward the theory that the luminosity of a star at any time depends on its mass, and that as it grows older, its mass decreases because of the progressive loss of light and heat by radiation into space. Applying this new theory of stellar evolution to the sun, Dr. Jeans has calculated that the sun is losing mass at the rate of about 4,000,000 tons every second, but this has compelled a further extension of the estimate of the sun's age.  
The most reliable estimate of the earth's mass places it at about 5,500 trillion tons, and that of the sun as 330,000 times greater, or 1,815 quadrillion tons.  
As the mass of the sun was probably at one time twice as much, it has taken it over 14 billion years to reach its present mass, losing 4,000,000 tons a second.  
This extends the life of the universe at least 14 billion years, and in the period of time of close approaches between stars may have taken place, causing tidal disruptions of planets.  
It was seen, therefore, that our own solar system can no longer be considered as unique.  
"The man I marry must have common sense," said the laughing one.  
"He won't," the other answered, bitterly.

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**LAMAS SEE WESTERN MYSTERIES.**  
Just magic! There were no devils on the stage helping in the production of Maskelyne's Mysteries at St. George's Hall. In the Royal Box were seven Tibetan lamas. They watched the performance with intense interest, and when a Morning Post representative asked what they thought of it, they answered, with a rather unexpected sophistication, that it was just magic. "Devils? No no," they said. And then they added that "you can't control London's devils."  
Yes, London is full of devils. They know it, and they asseverate the knowledge with conviction. But they were equally convinced that Maskelyne's Mysteries are not an elaborate series of devilish rites. Nor are those mysteries even merely white man's magic. For Tibet also had its magicians, giving birth to systems of magic that have baffled the most expert investigators. So the Tibetan Government outlawed the practice of conjuring. When a magician is apprehended in Tibet, his head is inserted in a bag, the bag is then filled with stones, and the bag and body are dropped in the deepest part of any adjacent river. Tibetan records contain no reference to the ability of any trusted magician to evade a watery grave after that incident. And what is more, all relatives of the victim are beheaded!  
Not once during the whole programme did they applaud. The Tibetan way of showing pleasure is to open the mouth and protrude the tongue. The lamas did it over and over again.

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## INTIMATIONS.

## A DATE TO REMEMBER.

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- 3—Ballet Music... The Shoe... Ansell
- 4—Allegro (Symphonic) (3) Moderato (Pathétique) Tchaikowsky
- 5—Allegretto Scherzando... 8th Symphony... Beethoven
- 6—Suite... Scenes Neapolitaines... Massenet
- 7—Selection... The Martyr of Antioch... Sullivan
- 8—Marche aux Flambeaux... Becker
- 9—Tone Poem... Finlandia... Sibelius

In addition Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith and Mr. D. M. Richards will assist.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Third Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company Limited will be held in the offices of Messrs. Shawan, Tones & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of April, 1925, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended on the 31st December, 1924, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 2nd to the 8th April, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board,  
S COURTNEY COOK,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 26th March, 1925.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at The Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th April, 1925, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended the 31st December, 1924, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 1st April, 1925, until Wednesday, the 8th April, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
J. BARTHOLOMEW,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, 20th March, 1925.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY UNION

## ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS

On the University Ground, Pokfulam, on Saturday, April 4, 1925, at 2 p.m.

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## RAIDED CLUB.

## "A DISGRACE TO LONDON"

Frederick Ford, 24, of Calthorpe street, V.C., proprietor of the Curator Club, Curator street, Chancery lane, and John Marshall, secretary of the club, appeared on remand at Bow Street charged with selling intoxicating liquors on various dates without a licence.

At the previous hearing 13 men and 21 women charged as "frequenters" were fined and five cases were dismissed.

Further charges were now preferred against Ford and Marshall of selling intoxicants at the club after permitted hours and against Ford of keeping the club for the purpose of music and dancing without a licence. Fifteen other persons were charged with consuming liquor on the premises.

Mr. Herbert Munkittrick, prosecuting, said it was one of the worst cases of its kind yet brought before the court.

Ford was charged with the New Avenue Club, Ham-yard, Shaftesbury avenue, and it was alleged that on Sunday nights he transferred his clientele from there to the Curator Club, together with his staff, and a state of affairs which was a disgrace to any part of London had been allowed to go on under the control of Ford.

IS. ADMISSION. The premises consisted of a large billiard room, a bar and a dance hall. People resorted there in their hundreds. It professed to be a club, but it was nothing of the sort and was merely a place of public resort. The only restriction, if it could be so called, was that visitors were required to pay a shilling for a ticket for tea, concert or dance. With this ticket any persons, whatever their sex or character, could obtain admission.

Police officers who visited the premises on three successive Sundays found hundreds of persons gathered for dancing and irregular drinking. Ford and Marshall were present. There was noise and disorder, accompanied by drunkenness at times, and the place was conducted in absolute defiance of the law.

When the premises were raided shortly after midnight on February 2 there were then 242 persons present—156 men and 86 women and girls. There appeared to be 52 persons consuming liquor and these were all arrested.

The hearing was again adjourned, bail being allowed.

## EARLY BLUEBEARD.

## LAW SUIT TO CLEAR HIS NAME.

Five centuries after he was hanged at Nantes for heresy and for the supposed murder of 150 women and children, Marshal Gilles de Rais, or Reiz, whose name is associated in France with the story of Bluebeard, may be cleared of guilt as a result of a suit for his rehabilitation which is to be brought in the French courts by a group of historians and lawyers.

Marshal de Reiz, who was one of the most faithful companions in arms of Joan of Arc, possessed magnificent castles in the region of Nantes, to which he retired after the death of Joan.

He had amassed an immense fortune at the wars, but he rapidly dissipated it. He had 44 private chaplains and maintained a huge retinue.

When he saw his fortune dwindling he called into his service sorcerers and alchemists to find gold for him. He was accused by public rumour of murdering women and children to wring gold from them.

TORTURE CONFESSION. He was brought to trial, and after he had been placed on the rack and subjected to many other forms of torture a confession was wrung from him and he was hanged at Nantes in 1440.

The movement for his rehabilitation springs from the discovery beneath the castle of Machecoul, one of the marshal's strongholds, of a gold vein which experts declare must at one time have contained gold to the value of several million francs.

It is pointed out that contrary to the local legend no remains of his supposed victims were ever found. Disappearances were very frequent in the days of wars, rapine, and adventure in which he lived, and his modern defenders maintain that he was the victim of political enemies.

An association of defenders of his memory has been formed. Eminent counsel declare that under the law which permits the reopening of a case when a new fact is discovered, a suit can be brought even after the lapse of five centuries.

This new fact, they say, is the discovery of the gold vein from which he really obtained his mysterious wealth.

Our Candidate. "At this critical—ah—period, gentlemen—in the history of our borough—you don't want to vote for a pig in a poke. Vote for me, gentlemen, and have the genuine article."

## RACE DECAY.

## NATION SHOULD NEVER GROW OLD.

Dean Inge, speaking at Hoxham, on "National Decay and Regeneration," said he saw no reason why the nation should ever grow old. If it perished, it perished either from disease or from violence.

He instanced malaria as a disease which was certainly the cause of the ruin of the races, and internal disruption of the body politic, foreign conquest, with climatical changes were also referred to.

"Far more important," proceeded the Dean, "are the discoveries of new trade routes, and new means of production. In the future the Pacific trade will be as important as the Atlantic trade, and for this reason nothing can prevent North America from being the centre of the world's wealth and commerce."

Our position geographically was still a good one, but was no longer the best. The historian of the distant future would probably call ours the age of coal.

## "DYING OFF AT THE TOP"

Referring to the declining birth rate, the Dean said we were breeding from the bottom and dying off at the top. If it were skilled workmen who were filling the cradles there would be much less ground for alarm. It was the slum-dweller, the sub-man, the untaxed dole-receiver, who was the father of the next generation.

"I have expressly repudiated the pessimistic theory that the nation is growing old," added the Dean. "We are not old; not so old as John Bull in his portrait. There is no reason at all why a nation should not go on renewing its youth."

"This is not to say that we shall always hold our present position as a great power. The area of our country is far too small. The future belongs to the large countries, especially to the United States. But the British Empire is a large country, and taken together ought to rank as one of the chief countries of the world. The race is far more important than nation. A high-minded and idealistic patriotism is far better than cosmopolitanism."

## BOOK BEGGING.

## BORROWING PREFERRED TO BUYING.

Discussing "The Price of Books" in a pamphlet under that title, which is published recently by his firm (6d.), Mr. Stanley Unwin, of the publisher firm of Messrs. George Allen and Unwin, says:—

The real problem is not over-production, but under-consumption, or, to be more precise, insufficient sales. Most people have not yet learned to regard books as a necessity. They will beg them; they will borrow them; they will do everything, in fact, but buy them. People who would be ashamed to cadge for anything else they wanted, who will "unhesitatingly" pay 8s. 6d. apiece for a dozen gramophone records, or 12s. 6d. for stalls at a theatre, will think twice, if not three times, before spending even 5s. upon a book which will last a lifetime.

Mr. Unwin illustrates his contention that "we are not liberal book-buyers with 'the fact that we in England do not spend on books—per head of population—anything approaching the amount spent by the population of New Zealand, and that, relatively speaking, we have not nearly so many booksellers' shops."

## RELATIVE CHEAPNESS.

Touching present prices, he says "books are relatively cheaper than before the war," and this "despite the undoubted fact that production expenses are double" and other costs have increased. The three chief factors of this relative cheapness he gives as—

That more books are being sold (it has been possible to print slightly larger editions). That publishers are working on a smaller margin (often insufficient to cover the inevitable proportion of losses). That, contrary to the usual impression, fewer books have been published (even in 1923—a prolific year—fewer new books were issued than in 1913; and the number of new books in the last year was also fewer than in the pre-war year).

Among the increases of manufacture Mr. Unwin mentions that printing "costs nearly three times what it did before the war" and that the "jacket" or "dust-cover" is in the case of novels, a "most serious item."

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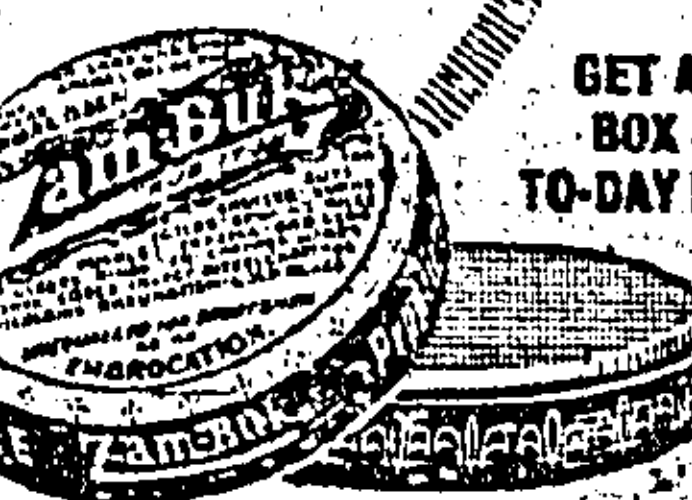
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## ANCIENT PALACE.

## DISCOVERY IN NORTH AFRICA.

Professor Paribeni, the Royal Superintendent of Antiquities in Rome, who has just returned from a tour in Tripolitania, states that Roman remains found at Leptis Magna rank among the most perfect to be found anywhere, even in Italy. The dry desert sand has apparently kept everything in a perfect state of preservation, the Imperial Palace with which Septimius Severus graced his native city being especially magnificent for the beauty of its marble and the richness of its statues and cultural decorations. Leptis Magna also contains a public bath, in which great treasures have been found.

In the professor's opinion the small area which has been excavated so far makes Leptis Magna the finest Roman remains outside Italy. Leptis Magna, which was between Tripoli and Mesrata, was one of the oldest and most flourishing of the Ptolemaic emporia, and one of the principal export centres of Africa. It was a tributary town to Carthage. Septimius Severus, the Roman Emperor, who was born in Leptis Magna in the year 146, beautified it by the erection of magnificent buildings. It was, however, the limit of the Roman State, and during the last centuries of the Empire it suffered greatly from the nomads of the desert. Among bronze coins found in the district are some bearing the head of Bacchus and also Hercules.

## "JUST MAGIC."

## LAMAS SEE WESTERN MYSTERIES.

Just magic! There were no devils on the stage helping in the production of Maskelyne's Mysteries at St. George's Hall. In the Royal Box were seven Tibetan lamas. They watched the performance with tense interest, and when a Morning Post representative asked what they thought of it, they answered, with a rather unexpected sophisticated air, that it was just magic. "Devils? No," they said. "And then they added that 'you can't control the devils'."

Yes, London is full of devils. They know it, and they asseverate the knowledge with conviction. But they were equally convinced that Maskelyne's Mysteries are not an elaborate series of devilish tricks. Nor are those mysterious, even merely white man's magic, even Tibet also had its magicians, giving birth to systems. Unfortunately, the most efficient magicians there inevitably become the most expert thieves! So the Tibetan Government outlawed the science of conjuring. When a magician is apprehended in Tibet, his head is inserted in a bag, the bag is then filled with stones, and the bag and body are dropped in the deepest part of any adjacent river. Tibetan records contain no reference to the ability of any trusted magician to evade a watery grave after that incident. And, what is more, all relatives of the victim are beheaded! Not once during the whole programme did they applaud. The Tibetan way of showing pleasure is to open the mouth and protrude the tongue. The lamas did it over and over again.

She. "Why does that piano sound first loud and then soft when Miss Wilson plays it?" He. "Well, you see, she is learning to ride a bicycle, and use both pedals from force of habit."

## NEW THEORY.

## BIRTH OF SOLAR SYSTEM.

A few years ago (writes the Astronomical Correspondent of the London "Daily Chronicle") under date of November 24) astronomers and physicists generally accepted Lord Kelvin's estimate of the age of the sun as probably about 20,000,000 years, an estimate which geologists were unable to accept. Twenty million years, they declared, was far too short a period to account for the geological phenomena observed in the earth.

Then came the discovery of radium and radioactivity, which compelled a drastic revision of the Kelvin estimate, and extended the probable life of the sun to something nearer a thousand million years, giving the geologists more time than they wanted.

Accepting this longer period, Dr. J. H. Jeans, the secretary of the Royal Society, and a very eminent mathematician, invented the probability that other stars had solar systems of planets by stellar filaments, or by occasional close approaches of two stars.

His conclusion was that so immense are the distances separating any two stars that even in a thousand million years such a critical approach of two stars could only happen once, or at most twice, and that the probability was that the only planetary system thus formed was our own.

In the last few months an unexpected factor has been introduced into the problem, due to Professor Eddington, of Cambridge, who puts forward the theory that the luminosity of a star at any time depends on its mass, and that as it grows older, its mass decreases because of the progressive loss of light and heat by radiation into space. Applying this new theory of stellar evolution to the sun, Dr. Jeans has calculated that the sun is losing mass at the rate of about 4,000,000 tons every second, but this has compelled a further extension of the estimate of the sun's age.

The most reliable estimate of the earth's mass places it at about 5,500 trillion tons, and that of the sun as 330,000 times greater, or 1,815 trillion tons.

As the mass of the sun was dropping at one time twice as much, it has taken it over 14 billion years to reach its present mass, or 4,000,000 tons a second.

This extends the life of the universe at least 14 billion years, and in the period thus gained, the stars may have had time to evolve into more advanced stages. For Tibet also had its magicians, giving birth to systems. Unfortunately, the most efficient magicians there inevitably become the most expert thieves! So the Tibetan Government outlawed the science of conjuring. When a magician is apprehended in Tibet, his head is inserted in a bag, the bag is then filled with stones, and the bag and body are dropped in the deepest part of any adjacent river. Tibetan records contain no reference to the ability of any trusted magician to evade a watery grave after that incident. And, what is more, all relatives of the victim are beheaded! Not once during the whole programme did they applaud. The Tibetan way of showing pleasure is to open the mouth and protrude the tongue. The lamas did it over and over again.

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## OTHER EYES.

Seeing ourselves as others see us is a gift denied us. It is well sometimes to get the point of view of a visitor who compares our customs with his own, even to the disparagement of those with which we have been so long accustomed. Take the case of Mr. Wm. Armstrong, Attorney and Counsellor at Law of Rochester, New York. He admits surprise at the fact that jurymen are not the same here in number as in other places; that judge and barristers wear wigs which must be "rather uncomfortable to wear in the summer" and at the provision of a dock where prisoners are temporarily "housed." These views are not surprising. Many of us hold them ourselves and have done so for a lengthy period. There are doubtless good reasons for the smallness in number of jurymen impanelled in Hongkong. Some of us wish the number was less, and there is an even considered opinion that there should be no jurymen at all. As to wig and "sicklike" we hold them to be immoral. Immoral that is, that they do not tend to beauty and that they quite consciously add to that terror which is the invisible trait of dentists' parlours and hospital operating theatres. They should be abolished. A case is none the better for being argued by a bewigged attorney who, by his appearance, adds to the mental embarrassment of perfectly harmless and guiltless

persons. As to the evil-named dock, opinions will differ, especially in a place like Hongkong, where the criminal element is decidedly exclusive, and where the possibility of an appearance in it should have a restraining effect. . . . These reflections are of no particular moment. They do not take away from the fact that the administration of justice according to British ideals, is incorruptible, and above and over everything, essentially fair. The abolition of juries, wigs and docks, is not likely to make it less so. Therefore abolish them.

## April One.

The month when trees unfold and the womb of nature opens with young life. . . . This is not original. But it suffices. Rigid Lentenists see the beginning of the end of their period of self-imposed fasting, or penance, and the forty days blossoms into the most joyous period of a Church's year. . . . This also is not original. The accountant begins his trial balance, the first effort to a balancing of a quarter's activities and a review of its profits or losses. . . . Another unoriginal procedure. The shingled and the bobbed feel the necessity of yet another clip and the knight of the shears and scissors makes where the vendors of hat and hair pins perish. . . . Yet another thing which is not quite new. A mushroom growth of fungus on clothes and footwear heralds the approach of spring and the Boy is instructed accordingly. . . . Also to be added to the things that follow ancient custom. There seems nothing new even to the fancies of the young which, at this time we are told lightly turn to thoughts of love. But stay! from April one, until further notice there will be special late ferries to Kowloon. This is certainly new!

## NOTABLE FUNERAL.

The big Chinese funeral which passed through the centre of the town to-day was the funeral of the mother of the late Mr. Lau Chu-pak, C.M.G., who was the senior Chinese representative on the Legislative Council some years ago.

The late Mr. Lau was a prime mover in education for the poorer classes. To-day many of the Confucius and other schools, both for boys and girls, sent large numbers to the funeral.

After being aground for about four days, close to Cape Camille light station, the French steamer Linchow has arrived here from Haiphong and Pakhoi.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### COURT "NERVES."

(To the Editor of the China Mail).

Sir,—Under the above heading you yesterday published an American Attorney's opinion on the practice in Hongkong Courts, as everywhere else in which the law of Britain is administered, of isolating the prisoner in a huge dock where he has to view the proceedings almost as if he were a disinterested spectator and where he is powerless to advise his counsel no matter what the latter may say prejudicial to the interests of his client or at variance with the truth.

Mr. Armstrong, the American you quote, based his opinion on the effect such isolation must have on the nerves of the prisoner, particularly where the trial necessitates all day sittings. But it is this latter word "sittings" which leads me to make my protest. "The Chinese have no nerves, they are not sensitive enough to feel the strain which a European would who could appreciate the significance of the issues at stake"—that is the reply that Mr. Armstrong would get if he ventured to move in the matter of reforming any of the Court procedure here. And inasmuch as the Chinese prisoner would not be able to help his counsel, it would be useless to urge that he should have that particular privilege allowed in America.

But, as I have indicated above, one of the things which might very well be remedied is the regulation or lack of regulation which requires or allows, I know not which, that a Chinese prisoner at the Sessions shall stand throughout his trial no matter how many hours or days that trial may last. The Chinese may not have such susceptible nerves as the European but he is capable of physical suffering.

Yours, etc.,  
A LATE JURYMEN.  
Hongkong, March 31.

## SUNDAY CINEMA HOURS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail).

Sir,—Hongkong goes to the cinemas on week-day afternoons. If the houses were open on Sunday afternoons, the same people would go just the same. Unless a person is prejudiced. . . . But what is the use? Let the entertainers get the permission and then we will all roll up.

Yours, etc.,  
A. Z.  
Mongkong, April 1.

## DIRTY STREETS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail).

Sir,—Even if toll gates were in force in this Colony it would be impossible to keep some streets clean. Every day, hundreds of schoolchildren and their teachers, pass up and down the whole length of Shing Wong Street. Fifth meets the eye wherever one turns. Will the authorities, whether it be the Police, the Sanitary, or the P.W.D., keep a look-out and make an example of those who persist in committing offences in public?

Apologising for taking up your valuable space and enclosing my card.

Yours, etc.,  
SHING WONG ITE.  
Hongkong, March 31.

## THANKS!

### LOCAL CHARITY EFFORT RECOGNISED.

Miss V. Capell has received the following letter from Viscount Knutsford which is in reply to the letter sent together with a remittance, being part of the proceeds of the Charity Entertainment given by Miss Capell's pupils at the Queen's Theatre on the January 7 and 9.

London Hospital,  
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Dear Miss Capell,  
I really cannot go on calling you "Dear Madam" in view of your wonderful kindness to this great place. However, how am I to even try and thank you and all those delightful pupils for this wonderful bolt from the blue £50 is a positive godsend here, and I do so like to feel that it follows not only the keenest sympathy, but also real hard work. If we had a Golden Book of Benefactors here, the school would certainly deserve a place on the front page.

Do please, if you can, thank everyone concerned in this warmly as ever you can on my behalf.

As a very slight record of your remarkable help, I am taking the liberty of nominating you as an Honorary Life Governor of the Hospital. No responsibility attaches, but it is the only form of recognition in our power and as such I hope you will regard it.

Yours very truly,  
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## LAUNCH MURDER.

### CHARGES AGAINST JAVA CHINESE.

#### AMAZING ALLEGATIONS.

An amazing case of alleged murder and attempted murder occupying the attention of the Singapore police.

The accused are two Chinese youths from Java, aged 20 and 18, and named Lim Hoi-bin and Ten Tok-siong. They came to Singapore three weeks ago, and have been staying at the Oriental Hotel. Both came from near Samarang, Java, and one at least is the son of wealthy people there. They both appear to have been lavishly supplied with money while they have been in Singapore.

The allegation against them is that they hired a launch at Johnston's Pier to go round the island, and when near Blakan Mati they threw the Javanese serang and mate overboard, causing the death by drowning of the serang.

When off Pulau Sabarok, and approaching Blakan Mati, the serang told the mate to take the steering wheel. The mate did so, but the accused wanted to take it. According to the statement of the mate, the first accused hit him over the head with a lemonade bottle, and chased the serang to the stern, where he pushed the serang overboard.

Both the accused then seized the mate—so he states—and threw him overboard. They carried on with the motor-boat, and left the men in the water, but they were unable to control the boat, and eventually left it stranded on a ridge at Blakan Mati.

Nothing more was seen of the serang, although the marine police searched the waters in the vicinity for several hours. The mate was fortunate in getting on to a log, on which he drifted for a mile until he reached a reef near the entrance to Koppel Harbour, where he was rescued by a passing launch.

The youths left the launch on the reef with the engine still running, and wandered about the island for some time. Eventually they went to the military authorities, told them they had had a fight with some men on a launch, and asked for assistance in getting off the island. The marine police were communicated with, and the accused detained.

The youths were produced before the Third Magistrate on a charge of murder, and the case was postponed.

## PRINCE'S PARTNER.

### DANCE WITH BLIND WOMAN.

The Prince of Wales attended the British Legion ball at Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. He took part in many of the dances.

Among his partners was Miss Mabel Southgate, a young Melton Mowbray woman, formerly a school teacher, who lost her sight in 1918 after an attack of influenza. About 400 people took the floor during his dance with her—a fox-trot. It was encored three times, and he danced with Miss Southgate to the end, himself joining in the demand for more.

Before and during the dance the Prince chatted with Miss Southgate on a variety of topics. He learned that she had a wireless set at home and he asked whether she had heard any of his speeches. She replied that she heard his speech on the closing day of Wembley.

When she asked whether he did not get tired of making speeches, the Prince replied, with a laugh, that he would have to make a lot on his forthcoming visit to South Africa. She asked him whether he had enjoyed coming to Melton, and he replied that he loved the place.

In the intervals between the dances the Prince talked with a number of disabled ex-Service men.

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No. 1 Saigon white long . . . . . 7.30  
No. 1B Saigon white long . . . . . 7.10  
No. 2 Saigon white long . . . . . 6.50  
No. 1 Saigon white round . . . . . 7.95  
No. 2 Saigon white round . . . . . 6.50.

## LOCAL ART.

### EXHIBITION OPENED TO-DAY.

#### THE OLD AND NEW.

From the representation of the re-idea of a thing without recourse to its actual appearance, the careful study and reproduction of animal and still life is a very but a visit to the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in Bridge Street in the middle of the next few days to demonstrate effectively to the new school of art in Canton has not only established a hold on its exponents but at the paintings more nearly approach the actual and yet at the same time have not lost the stamp of individuality and national temperament.

The exhibition has been arranged at the Y.M.C.A. to provide the Chinese youth and parents at the Ching Ming festival period with the opportunity of seeing the work of artists who are recognised as among the leading ones of the day in South China and who have exhibited considerably in the North—Messrs. Ko Kim-fu and Ko Kei-fung, of Canton. A animal life is well represented in the paintings, those of a lion eagle on the search for prey giving a particularly fine impression of both tension and action.

Mr. Ko Kim-fu has by no means abandoned the old Chinese style, distinct traces of which are to be observed in his nature pictures, many of which give almost the impression of crudeness. Among his pictures, however, are to be found the most interesting such as those of Lofting tower in Hangchow, news of the fall of which has recently been received. It was built by a king in memory of a favourite wife and is believed to be over a thousand years old. More familiar to most will be the picture of the Lok Yee tower in Canton.

Some of the pictures shown at the recent public exhibition of the work of Mr. J. L. McPherson are also shown in this exhibition with the addition of one or two studies of local artists.

Messrs. Kojyo and Chan Si, of Canton also exhibit, particularly to those interested in the growth of Chinese art.

The exhibition opened to-day at 3 and will do so daily until 9 o'clock. On Sunday the exhibition will continue until 4 p.m.

## MURDER TRIAL ECHO.

### VINDICATION AFTER 485 YEARS.

A group of French historians and lawyers are bringing a suit before the French Court for the rehabilitation of Marshal Gilles de Rais (or Retz), who was hanged at Nantes in 1440 for the supposed murder of 150 women and children.

Marshal de Retz, who was one of the most faithful companions in arms of St. Joan of Arc possessed a magnificent castle in the region of Nantes, to which he retired after the death of St. Joan. He had amassed a huge fortune during the wars, but rapidly dissipated it. When he saw his fortune dwindling he called into his service sorcerers and alchemists to find gold for him. He was accused by public rumour of murdering women and children to bring gold from their graves.

The movement for his rehabilitation springs from the discovery beneath the castle of Machecoul, one of the Marshal's strongholds, of a gold vein, which experts declare must at one time have contained gold to the value of several million francs. It is pointed out that, contrary to the local legend, no remains of supposed victims were ever found. Disappearances were very frequent in the days of war, rapine, and adventure in which he lived, and his modern defenders maintain that he was the victim of political enemies.

An association of defenders of his memory has been formed. Eminent counsel declare that, under the law which permits the re-opening of a case when a new fact is discovered, a suit can be brought, even after the lapse of five centuries.

"And what" they asked of the surgeon who had saved Mr. Tightlist from an untimely end, "did you consider the most difficult stage of the operation?" "Collecting the money," he answered, with a smile of conscious skill.

Admiral Thomas Washington, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet, is to visit Hongkong this week, and is due to arrive on the flagship Huron on Thursday. The Huron will be accompanied by the Admiral's yacht General Alava. The Admiral, who has been on a visit to the Dutch East Indies and Singapore, will probably remain here about a week, and may visit Canton.

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 RESCUES HOPELESS.  
 Tragic Scenes at Scotswood Pithead.

All hopes of rescue have been abandoned, thirty-eight men entombed alive in the Scotswood pit are facing certain death.

## BLACK DAMP.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 31.—An official report states that 38 men are missing at Scotswood. The situation underground worsened owing to black damp and the water increasing in volume.

Sympathetic references to the disaster were made in the House of Commons which unanimously gave precedence to a private motion on mining accidents to-night.

A labour member asked the Speaker to invite the House of Commons to express its sympathy with the relatives of the victims in the same way as it recently expressed its sympathy with Lord Curzon's relatives.

The Speaker replied that he was convinced the whole House sympathised with the suggestion. (Cheers.)

## Rescue Hopes.

The consulting engineer at Scotswood has abandoned hope of rescuing any of the entombed men alive in the mine.

It is estimated that it would take three weeks pumping at high pressure to clear the pit.

## Earlier Cables.

London, March 31.—Forty men are missing in the Scotswood pit.

Rescue operations proceeding strenuously though hope has practically been abandoned.

Intensely moving scenes were witnessed at the pithead. All night long crowds of women and grim-faced men acquainted

## BOXER IND.

SPENDING BOUNTIES SHARPLY.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 31.—A standing committee of the House of Commons, presided over by Sir Robert Hamilton, considered the China Indemnity Bill. The committee rejected by 26 to 5 votes an amendment moved by Mr. Arthur Ponsonby (Labour) confining the application of the money to educational and cultural purposes.

Mr. Ronald McNeil, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that both the Labour Government and the present Government had deliberately come to the conclusion that the object in view would be best served by simple words in the Bill.

The amendment would only hamper and restrict the discretion of the advisory committee who might be safely relied upon to exercise it in the direction both nations would desire.

He believed that the money would be substantially applied to educational purposes.

He proposed later to move an amendment to increase the membership of the advisory committee from ten to eleven in order to empower an increase of the Chinese element thereon.

## GERMAN ELECTION.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, March 31.—With the German elections, resulting practically as forecasted, ending indecisively, Press comment is limited to an expression of satisfaction at the discomfiture of the extremist candidates and hopes, for the sake of Europe's future, that the moderates will accommodate their differences and support a joint candidate, who will have the rosiest prospect of success in a straight fight with the Nationalists.

The Westminster Gazette finds satisfaction in the evidence that Monarchism has not received such a heavy endorsement as at the Reichstag election, and says that in Herr Jarres' present heavy poll the allies reap where they sowed.

The Times describes the election as a fight between the Monarchy and Republic, and says Europe's one concern is that the party which talks of reversion to Bismarck's doctrines should not be put in a position that will enable it to attempt the execution of the policy they profess, which their followers might force them to apply.

## CRIME IN INDIA.

How It Delays Reform.

HOPES OF A NEW ERA.

EXTREMIST TAKEN AT HIS WORD.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 31.

A responsive note was sounded by Lord Birkenhead, Secretary of State for India, in the course of the Indian debate in the House of Lords to-night with regard to recent utterances by the Swarajist leader Das in which he expressed abhorrence of political assassinations and violence of any form as well as repression by the Government.

Lord Birkenhead expressed a desire to join Mr. Das in laying aside undue suspicion. He would hopefully watch the results of Mr. Das's appeal to his supporters. If he saw the revolutionary societies begin to atrophy for want of monetary and moral support and the channels of communication between the political and anarchical world effectively closed, then a new era would have begun in Bengal and the need for what Mr. Das called repression would have disappeared.

Lord Birkenhead emphasised, however, that all the British authorities concerned with legislation for the repression of crimes of violence in Bengal constantly and justly repudiated any intention or practice of repressing political opinion.

He invited Mr. Das to take a further step and co-operate with the Government in repressing violence. All we desired was co-operation between the British and Indian political parties with a view to progressive realisation of responsible government in India as an integral part of the Empire.

Never, never would it be reached by violence and desperate crimes.

## SIX YEARS' WORK.

ST. PAUL'S REPAIRS TO BEGIN.

SOME DRASTIC CHANGES.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, March 31.

Impressive incidents attended the evening, at St. Paul's Cathedral to-day, being the occasion of the last service under the dome prior to the closing of the eastern part for the work of preservation, which it is estimated will take six years.

Services in the meantime will be held at Western end of the nave and the Saint Dunstan's chapel.

The organ will no longer be in use but part may be temporarily moved and erected elsewhere temporarily.

The high altar will be moved to the centre of the nave. The cathedral will now accommodate a thousand only, instead of seven thousand as normally.

## WEEK'S TRIAL.

FRENCH COMMUNIST CHARGED.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, March 31.

The trial of Sadoul opened in the Orleans court martial. On an application by the prosecution, all charges except that of desertion were withdrawn.

Sadoul who is an ex-barrister, conducted his own defence. He emphasised his services to France whilst in Russia and described himself as one of the pioneers of the Franco-Russian rapprochement.

The hearing was adjourned. It is expected the trial will last a week. The police are adopting stringent measures to prevent disturbances.

## MURDER FOR REVENGE.

WARSAW, March 31.

The Polish version of the frontier outrage is that one officer was killed, the other seriously wounded.

The judicial authorities have opened an enquiry into the outrage, which has caused a sensation in Poland and is unanimously condemned.

The murderer was a Polish police-sergeant, named Muraszko, who was travelling in the same train. According to a Polish semi-official statement this man with his family had suffered "atrocious persecutions" at the hands of the Soviet Authorities, when living in Russia.

Paris, March 31.—The papers announce that two French savants have invented a filter made of plastic substances, impervious to all rays except red and yellow which will enable the use of X-rays without danger.—Havas.

## CLOSED MARKETS.

BRITISH STEEL TRADE LOSSES.

CHINA OUR HOPE.

Modern Merchant Adventurers Needed.

Fifty years hence China will be the greatest steel importing nation in the world, according to the prediction of a London expert.

## WAKE UP BRITAIN!

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 31.

In an address before the London Iron and Steel Exchange, Sir Edgar Rees Jones dwelt on foreign competition in steel.

He pointed out that the European and American markets had been steadily closing to British producers, and India, Canada, Australia and South Africa had commenced to produce substantially for their own requirements. Therefore the British steel industry must find new markets in less developed parts of the world.

Japan was also progressing in steel production and might shortly become a serious competitor in the Eastern market.

He was convinced that within half a century China will be the greatest steel importing nation in the world and will be able to take the whole steel plate and galvanised sheet output of Britain.

But in order to get that market, British merchants must bestir themselves.

The merchandising of British steel must be done through an organisation fitting the peculiar organisation of Chinese life—an organisation with ample capital based not only on the treaty ports, but spreading into the interior.

If the merchants would not establish such an organisation themselves the manufacturers must do it.

Something like the old companies of merchant adventurers was required as pioneering work must be done.

## CHINA POLITICS.

PROVINCIAL FEDERATION SYSTEM.

(Courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.)

Peking, March 31.

Tuan Chi-jui telegraphed the following reply to the recent communication from Tang Chi-yao and Chao Heng-ti, advocating the adoption of the provincial federation system:—

"I quite appreciate your proposal for the adoption of the provincial federation system. However, the chief object of the recent political reconstruction efforts has been to enable the aims of the national and provincial constitutions to be realised simultaneously. When I arrived in the capital on November 1, I issued several circular telegrams announcing this, and at the inauguration of the Rehabilitation Conference, I emphatically stated that the adoption of a Provincial Constitution must be encouraged. I think this does not differ greatly from the view you have expressed.

Our fellow-countrymen, therefore, must hope that whatever organisation is to draft the new Constitution for the nation will speedily come into being, so as the reconstruction efforts now being made may achieve success. I, however, have referred your telegram to the Conference."

REORGANISATION CONFERENCE. Peking, March 31.

The Reorganisation Conference will meet again to-day after a fortnight's recess.

Fifteen different items are on the agenda, mostly referring to matters connected with military reorganisation, abolition of the Tuchun system and similar questions.

After an animated discussion it was decided to refer all the fifteen items to a committee of military experts, for investigation and to report within five days.

## MANY LIVES LOST.

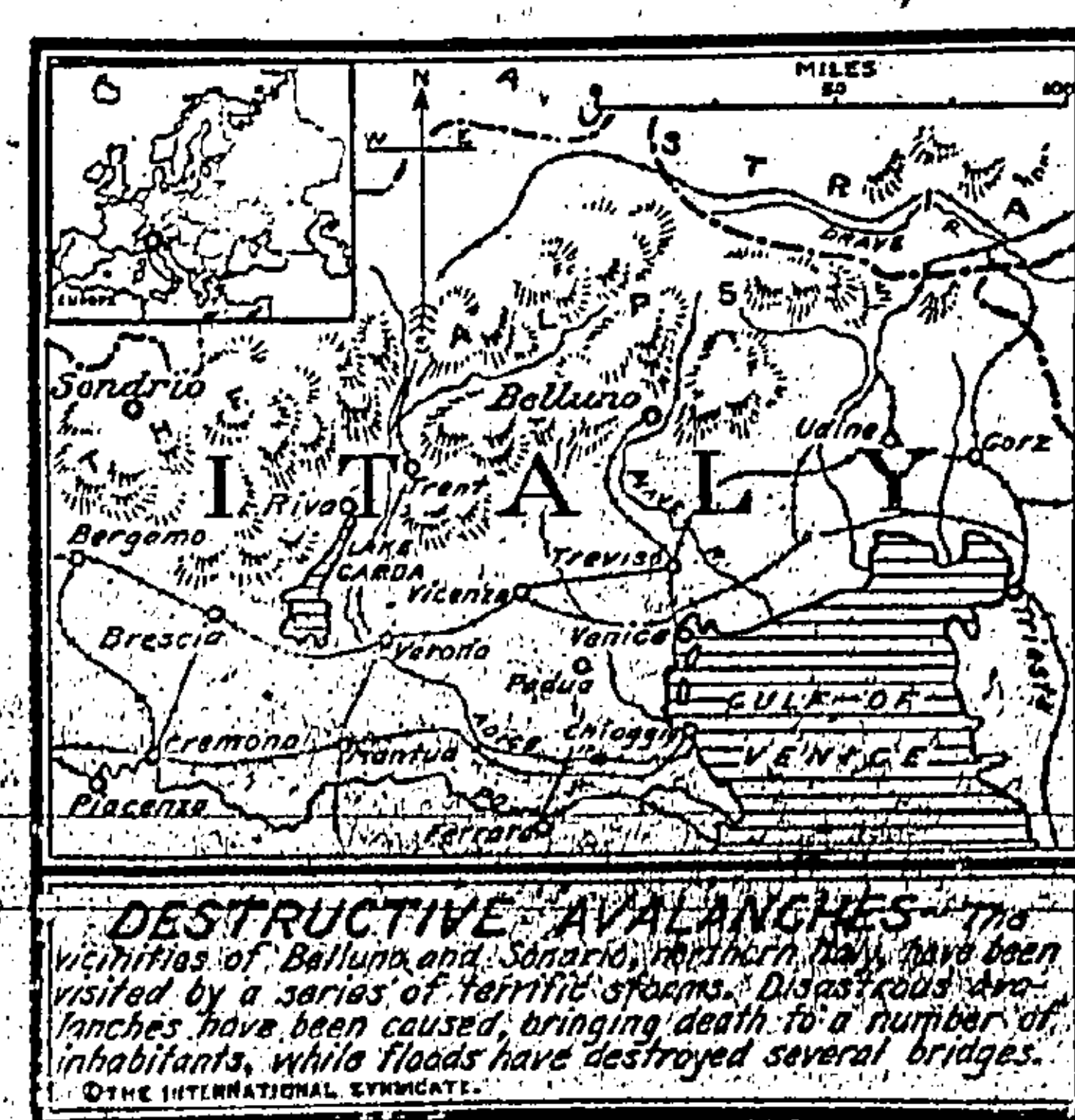
PONTOON BRIDGE COLLAPSES.

(Reuter's Service.)

BERLIN, March 31.

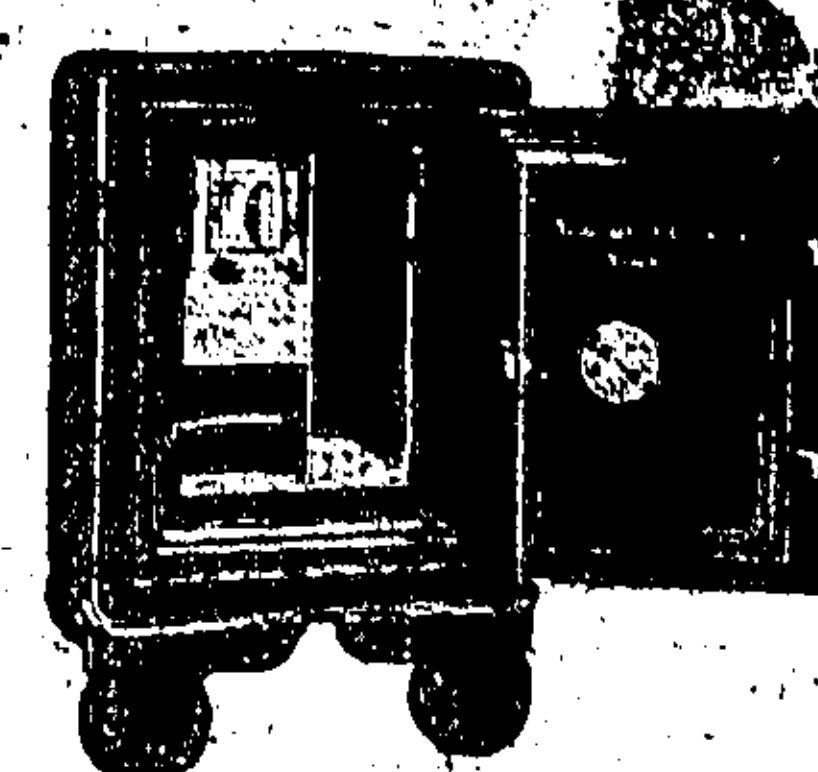
The collapse of a pontoon bridge erected by pioneers over the Weser between Vetheln and Hausberge resulted in the drowning of numerous Reichswehr soldiers, believed to number between fifty and a hundred.

Tokyo, March 31.—Mr. Korekiyo Takahashi, at present Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, will to-morrow be appointed Minister of Commerce and Industry and temporarily Minister of Agriculture and Forestry.—Courtesy of the "Daily Bulletin."



DESTRUCTIVE AVALANCHES.—The villages of Sondrio and Bergamo, in Northern Italy, have been visited by a series of terrific storms. Destructive avalanches have been caused, bringing death to a number of inhabitants, while floods have destroyed several bridges. (COURTESY INTERNATIONAL SYNDICATE.)

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## LOCAL SPORT.

## BOWLS MEETING.

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS  
FOR YEAR.

## TWO LEAGUES AGAIN.

At the Chamber of Commerce yesterday evening, the annual meeting of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association was held. Mr. D. Gow presided and Mr. C. J. Tacchi (hon. secretary) was present with about twenty-five members.

Proposed by Mr. Goldenburg and seconded by Mr. MacLellan, the accounts (showing a credit balance of \$254 71) were adopted.

A proposal that messages of condolence be sent to the families of the late Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, and the late Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, who were both staunch supporters of the game, was passed, the members standing.

Mr. J. Russell of Taikoo proposed that one league be run instead of two in which home and away matches were played. Mr. Tacchi proposed an amendment that two leagues be run as last year and this amendment was carried by 11 votes to 7. All the clubs participating last year would again compete. Taikoo and the Kowloon C. C. each entering two teams. A new entry, from the East Point Recreation Club, was welcomed. It was decided to open the season on May 2.

Mr. A. O. Brown proposed that the entrance fee be \$50 per team instead of \$50 per club as hitherto. Mr. P. Farrell suggested an amendment that each club pay \$75 but the original proposal was carried by 11 votes to 6. Mr. Brown also suggested that the fee for the singles championship be raised from \$2 to \$3 but this was defeated.

After Mr. D. Gow had thanked the meeting for electing him President, Mr. B. W. Bradbury was elected vice-president, Chief Inspector Kent chairman, and Mr. MacFarlane, honorary secretary, and treasurer as Mr. Tacchi is going home on leave this year. Mr. A. F. Ritchie was re-elected auditor and a vote of thanks was passed to him.

The meeting adjourned for later discussion proposals about the selection of an interport team, the running of pairs and rink Colony championships.

## RACE MEETING.

LATEST HANDICAPS  
ALLOTTED.

For the next extra race meeting of the season, to be held on Saturday, April 11, and Monday, April 13, the following handicaps have been allotted:—

## 1ST DAY.

Twickenham Handicap: "A" Class.—One Mile.  
Charcoal 165 lbs., Grey Knight 160, Chicago 159, Jumbo (late Stunner Dahlia) 158, King of the Plains 156, Loch Rannoch 155, Clover Club 155, Gypsy Love 154, Blotting Paper 153, Curiosity Shop 152, The Critic 152, Grey Streak 152, Rothesay 151, Dictator Dahlia 151, King Emperor 151, Friarsfield 150, Saracen 150, Phenomenal Dahlia 149, Persian Parrot 149, Spotted Sand 149, King Alfred 148, Golden Chrysanthemum 148, Auchenroch 148, Baby Eyes 147.

Twickenham Handicap: "B" Class.—One Mile.  
Magnificent Dahlia 164 lbs., Seattle 163, Strathallan 163, Rayfield 163, Uncle Charlie 163, Uncle Alf 162, Gyp 162, Poppy Leaf 162, The Wasp 161, Gimlet 161, Beauty Dahlia 159, King Ptolemy 157, Toomai 157, Fern Leaf 156, Demon Boy 155, Alcantra 154, Strathallan 154, Gaudie 153, A. B. 153, Two Pairs 152, Solly 151, Hailsham 150, Uncle Tam 149, King Canute 148, Valiant 145, Langsat 142.

Esher Handicap: "A" Class.—One and a Quarter Miles.  
Charcoal 162 lbs., Grey Knight 157, Loch Rannoch 152, Clover Club 152, Gypsy Love 151, Curiosity Shop 149, Dictator Dahlia 148, Friarsfield 147, Saracen 147, Prohibition 146, Phenomenal Dahlia 145, Spotted Sand 146, Golden Chrysanthemum 145, Auchenroch 145, King Alfred 145, Wimmera 144.

Esher Handicap: "B" Class.—One and a Quarter Miles.  
Baby Eyes 165 lbs., Magnificent Dahlia 164, Uncle Charlie 163, Poppy Leaf 162, Uncle Alf 162, The Wasp 161, Beauty Dahlia 159, Beldorney Star 157, Fern Leaf 156, Duke of Frisco 156, Demon Boy 155, Strathallan 154, Gaudie 153, A. B. 153, Uncle Tam 149, King Canute 146, Valiant 145, Langsat 142, Jimmy Lad 141.

## 2ND DAY.

Great Metropolitan Handicap.—1½ Miles.  
Grey Morn 170 lbs., Charcoal 163, Gold Leaf 161, Grey Knight 160, Chicago 159, Clover Club 155, Loch Rannoch 155, Blotting Paper 153, Curiosity Shop 152, Dictator Dahlia 151, Saracen 150, Spotted Sand 149, Prohibition 149, Golden Chrysanthemum 148, Wimmera 147, Uncle Alf 145, Beauty Dahlia 143, Beldorney Star 141, Duke of Frisco 140, Newtown Stewart 138.

Hyde Park Handicap.—One Mile.  
Poppy Leaf 170 lbs., Mowgli 169, King Ptolemy 164, Demon Boy 163, A. B. 160, Hoo Mah 160, Two Pairs 159, Quab 149, Jimmy Lad 148, Scarecrow 145, Monitor 141, Uncle Tom 138, Lumbe 137.

Kingswood Handicap.—One Mile.  
King of Hearts 165 lbs., King Emperor 145, Saracen 144, Persian Parrot 143, Auchenroch 142, Uncle Charlie 141, Gimlet 141, The Wasp 139, Beauty Dahlia 137, Strathallan 132, Solly 129, Uncle Tam 125.

N.B.—If the top weight does not start, weights to be raised 15 lbs.

## MILITARY SPORTS.

POSTPONED ANNUAL R.A.  
MEETING.

## DEFENCE CORPS RUGBY.

Held over on account of inclement weather, the Royal Artillery Athletic Sports will be held at the U.S.R.C. ground, Kowloon, tomorrow (Thursday) and on Saturday, commencing each day at 2 p.m.

The Hongkong Volunteer Corps has challenged the Army to a game of rugby. It is now being ascertained if garrison players will be forthcoming for a match on April 11.

Entries for the Brown Rowing Cup close on April 4, at noon, to the Hon. Secretary, Garrison Recreation Club.

## LOCAL BOXING.

VISITOR'S IMPOSING  
RECORD.

Jim Cartledge's opponent for his next fight here is Andre Dupire, described as a featherweight champion of France. His record includes:—  
Lost to Bert Spargo, one of Australia's foremost featherweights, on points in 20 rounds; lost on points to Jerry Sullivan (20 rounds); knocked out Paul Demsky (19 rounds); and again later (15 rounds); lost on points to Diga Evan (20 rounds); won on points against Bert McCarthy (20 rounds); knocked out Tibby Watson (one round); Togo Loan (five rounds); won twice on points against Freddy Smith (both in 15 rounds); lost on points to Eugene Voltaire (20 rounds); knocked out Tommy Juno (13 rounds); won on points against Garrigano Juno (20 rounds); and Diga Young (20 rounds); knocked out Battling Key (six rounds); lost on points to Silvano Jantio (15 rounds); knocked out Jose (five rounds); and Bathander (three rounds); and fought a no-decision bout of six rounds with Young Santos.

## GOOD STORIES.

ARCHBISHOP AND A  
DUCHESS.

Many good stories are told in "Further Reminiscences, 1864-1894" (Lane, 16s.), by the Rev. S. Baring-Gould, the well-known Churchman, novelist, and author of the hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers," who died in January of last year.

When he took up his first curacy at Horbury, near Wakefield, he was puzzled by the dialect and expressions employed in the district.

A little girl meeting me in the street stopped me and, looking up in my face, inquired: "When is the next potato?" It was explained to me that "potato" meant a public tea.

Some curious customs lingered on till just before his arrival at Dalton, near Thirsk, where his next curacy lay.

It was customary to put a candle and a coin into the coffin of a dead person to light him or her on the way to Paradise and to pay the toll at the gate. One day when he was so interred, he was there. On Christmas Eve it was still customary for the local grocer to send green wax candles to his customers, originally intended doubtless for the lantern that was carried to the Midnight Mass.

At Mersea, in Essex, at a school treat his wife saw a girl scantily dressed. Distressed at this, she said to the girl: "Hannah! You have not much clothes on, and the weather is cold." "Oh!" replied the maiden, aged about fifteen, "I've got my frock, and then comes Oil!" Literally she wore nothing save a thin cotton dress.

DUKE TAKES OFF HIS BOOTS.  
I once heard a characteristic anecdote of the Duke of Connaught when he was in Ireland. He had to halt one wet, muddy day at a little inn. He asked for a room where he could wash his hands and change his moist coat. He was shown upstairs, but saw that the passage and the room had been freshly carpeted.

"Oh!" exclaimed the Duke. "This will never do for me to step on your pretty carpet with my muddy boots." And he sat down on the top step of the stairs and removed his boots before he would go in.

Archbishop Taft was dining one evening at the house of the Duke of Westminster. During the meal his face became ghastly.

Laying down his knife and fork by the plate, he said to himself in a suppressed voice: "It has come to pass, at last as I feared. I have been dreading, expecting a stroke." "Console yourself, your Grace," said the Duchess of Sutherland, who sat beside him. "It is not your leg but mine that you have been pinching."

A Devonshire squire's wife sent out invitations to the farm tenants. At the foot of the card were the letters R.S.V.P.

What's the meaning of them letters? asked Farmer Westcott of Farmer Bolt.

"I reckon," answered the latter, "that it means Rump Steak and Veal Pie." "Get out," said Westcott. "Squire hasn't such a vulgar as to give two mates. It stands for Rump Steak if you will, but the V.P. stands for Viggy Puddin'!"

Viggy pudding in Devonshire signifies raisin pudding.

In a delightful chapter on Devonshire lore, of which Mr. Baring-Gould was such an enthusiastic collector, he says:

My carpenter, named Dawe, had a first cousin, who had the inn at Merivale Bridge on Dartmoor. I knew him well. He bought his wife at an auction for a jar of brandy. I was at the inn one day collecting folk melodies, when I saw his "wife" had a black eye. I asked her the occasion. "The Door did it. I ran against it," she replied. There was a model wife.

Two men, arguing over matters concerning the last general election, had arrived at the point where both had got very hot and angry.

"Well," said one of them, "Free Trade is the thing for me!" "Is it, indeed?" replied the other, "then take that," and struck him a severe blow on the nose. "Now then, I reckon that's a case where 'Protection' would be more useful."

## BOMB GIRL.

SENT TO JAIL FOR TEN  
YEARS.

## STORY OF HER CRIME.

Thus for a space of ten years, and who knows even for all time it may be, British justice has rid society of a menace; for what is there more terrible than a desperate woman boiling over with anarchical passion and a passionate hate for the world in general armed with high explosives?—thus the prosecutor at the trial of the notorious bobbed-hair "bomb girl."

Her father banished from the Straits Settlements and subsequently killed in Canton, she herself has made loose, wild, anarchical statements and she has weird notions about the brotherhood of man—These were other replies given concerning her.

Of primary interest to Hongkong because of the belief that the Police tried to intercept her when she passed through the Colony from Canton to the F.M.S., this woman was stated at the trial to have been born in Penang 29 years ago but had been to Canton and that "political reasons" were associated with her bomb exploit against the Kuala Lumpur Protector of Chinese.

Of the trial, the Straits Times reports that on March 23, before Mr. Justice Farrer-Manby at the Kuala Lumpur Assize Court on March 23, sentence of ten years' rigorous imprisonment was passed on Wong Sung, the bobbed-haired Cantonese woman who exploded a bomb on January 23 last at the office of the Protector of Chinese, causing grievous hurt to Mr. D. Richards, the Protector of Chinese, and simple hurt to Mr. W. L. Blythe, the assistant.

She entered the dock looking fresh and none the worse for three months' confinement behind prison bars. Wearing a complacent smile she took a quick comprehensive view of the court and gallery and, as at the magisterial enquiry, did not once lose her self-composure. She had little to say—the act was done in the heat of temper but she now regretted it. Questioned as to the cause of her loss of temper, she resolutely declined to say more, and even when his Lordship was passing sentence she remained calm and collected, and that eternal smile never left her features and she left the dock smiling.

On hearing the charge the accused said "I admit that I brought this bomb to the Protector of Chinese office. I have a very bad temper, my Lord. I admit that I have done wrong, but I ask for leniency."

His Lordship: Am I to take it that you plead guilty? I am not quite clear.

Accused: Yes, my Lord. His Lordship: You say you have a very bad temper? Yes, my Lord, I say that, but I repent now for what I have done.

Do you wish to tell us anything else about it?—No my Lord, I have nothing more to say.

You say you have a very bad temper, do you not wish to explain that statement? Do you have ill feeling against the gentleman whom you wounded?—I do not wish to say anything beyond what I have already said.

Is this gentleman, Mr. Richards, permanently injured?

Dr. Burne: The ultimate result is still uncertain, my Lord. There is likelihood that the fingers and wrist will not again regain their former state; that is to say they may not be normal again. At the present moment there is considerable improvement, but whether it will be normal again I cannot say.

His Lordship: This woman has not as far as I can see told us the motives as to why she did this: have inquiries been made?

The D.P.P.: Some political reasons, my Lord.

His Lordship: Has she said so?—Yes, she has—several times. She has got some weird notions about the brotherhood of man and other things.

Was she born in Penang?

The D.P.P.: Yes, my Lord, but she has been in Canton. Her father was banished from this country, and was later killed in Canton. She has made some very broad statements as to her opinions on political questions—all loose, wild sort of anarchical statements, but there is no definite statement against Mr. Richards personally.

In passing the sentence already stated, his Lordship said: "You have attempted to commit the most serious crime known to the law. You attempted to commit a most cruel murder, and it is very regrettable that you have seriously injured one of your victims. It is doubtful whether he will ever recover the full use of his hand. After having told the authorities in prison or hospital, I don't know where, that you did this for political reasons you ask me to be lenient with you on the ground that you have a bad temper, and that is about all the assistance we can get. It is impossible for me to be lenient with you even though you are a woman, because you have committed such a particularly cruel and dastardly crime. You, therefore, must be rigorously imprisoned for ten years."

## OBITUARY.

ONE OF THE OLD CHINA  
HANDS.

## CAPT. LAWRENCE.

Many friends will regret to hear of the death of Capt. E. H. Lawrence which took place yesterday evening at his residence, 10, Laichikok Road, Kowloon. Indeed, far Eastern people will not need to be reminded that Capt. Lawrence was one of the oldest China hands in the service, having been employed on many vessels in the coasting trade.

For the last eight or nine years he was a sufferer from sprue and about three months ago retired from the sea, intending to settle down and spend his remaining days in the Colony, where he had made his home for nearly the whole of the 40 years he spent out there.

The late Capt. Lawrence was a member of the China Coast Officers' Guild and took a very keen interest in the question of antipiracy regulations, being a frequent contributor to the newspapers upon the subject. His death at the age of 63 will be mourned by many friends.

His love of racing is thought to have hastened his end, as Capt. Lawrence went to one of the recent meetings very shortly after he had been discharged from the Government Civil Hospital where he had been for a month. When he returned home he was suffering from high fever, and although the fever subsequently left him, he never recovered his former health and for the past few weeks had been confined to his bed for a few days at different periods. He was attended by Dr. C. Wong, who advised him to go to the Government Civil Hospital, where he would secure better attention than at home. He refused to do so, however, and on Monday night suddenly became worse. Dr. Wong was called and stayed with him through the night. His condition became very serious and he asked the Doctor to send for Inspector G. of No. 7 Police Station, and one of his who, immediately received the message, went and stayed until the end.

The funeral will take place this afternoon, passing the Monument at 5 o'clock.

## GRAND CONCERT.

TOMORROW'S ENJOYABLE  
PROGRAMME.

Preparations are now complete for the concert to be given to-morrow evening in the Theatre Royal. The Surrey Band are as near perfection as it is possible to get, and they will provide one of the best programmes of orchestral items that this or any other place has heard. Too much emphasis cannot be laid on the interesting series of analytical notes which has been prepared by Bandmaster Bradshaw. These are an education in themselves and will be worth preserving. Mrs. A. M. Bowes Smith will be welcomed to the concert platform and will be heard in several choice examples of song. Mr. D. M. Richards also will be heard to advantage, with Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith at the piano. An altogether delightful evening is assured.

## GOING-GONE.

There was considerably more bidding than there has been of late for land at the auction rooms of Lamont Bros. yesterday when the remaining portion of Inland Lot No. 619, together with the whole of the message known as No. 16 Queen's Road Central, and a portion of No. 18 Queen's Road Central was sold. It has an area of approximately 6,350 square feet and is held under a Crown Lease for 999 years, with a Crown Rent of \$83.96 per annum. No. 16 is occupied by Messrs. H. Ruttonjee on the ground floor, and No. 18 by a money changer.

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As previously reported in the "China Mail," the woman placed an attaché case on Mr. Richards' table. A bomb worked by an electric switch then exploded, Mr. Richards, Mr. Blythe and the woman were all injured.







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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

It is notified that on and after to-day, a constant supply of water will be turned on in the Public Mains in Kowloon.

The P. & O. s.s. Mantua left Shanghai for Hongkong on March 31, at 4.30 p.m., and is due here on the 3rd inst. at about 7 a.m.

The silk forwarded from Hongkong by the Empress of Asia on March 6 arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on March 27, having been 21 days in transit.

There was amusement "off" as well as on, during the Gondoliers' season. For instance the Gondola which nightly "sailed" on to the stage of the Theatre Royal has printed on it (not viewable by the audience) the words: "Italian Gondola, made in Hongkong."

The hydro-aeroplane of Mr. Harry W. Abbott of Kowloon, which drifted away from Paranaque, near Manila, on Tuesday of last week, has not been found, according to the Cavite naval station. A reward of P.50 has been offered by Mr. Abbott for information leading to the finding of the plane.

Messrs. Lammert Brothers, at their auction rooms in Duddell Street, yesterday, conducted a public auction of the leasehold property, No. 16 and 18, Queen's Road Central. Bidding began at \$200,000 and the property which was in one lot, was eventually knocked down to Mr. P. K. Kwok for \$271,500.

The return of notifiable diseases in the Colony for the week ended on March 28 showed 1 Swiss case of diphtheria, 5 Chinese cases of small-pox, 2 of which were fatal, 6 Chinese cases of enteric fever from which 5 deaths resulted, 5 Chinese cases of cerebro-spinal fever, of which 4 proved fatal and 1 Chinese case of puerperal fever. The return for the 24 hours ended on March 30 shows 2 cases of diphtheria, 1 of enteric fever, and 2 of cerebro-spinal fever, all Chinese.

In 1910 Alberta, Canada, had 294,255 horses; it now has more than 875,000; its cattle have increased from 1,051,407 to 1,629,815; hogs, 143,560 to 249,891; sheep, 179,067 to 206,458.

Owing to lack of support it has been found necessary to cancel the performance of "The Gondoliers" by the Philharmonic Society to-night. The proceeds were to have been given to the Hongkong Benevolent Society.

The number of registered beekeepers in Manitoba increased from 1,200 to 1,800 between 1923 and 1924. The aggregate value of the honey production in 1924 was \$200,000 net to the producers. Bee-keeping has developed to such an extent that the western demand is now chiefly met by home production, and factories for making apianary supplies have been established.

"Little Han," General Hsu Shu-tseng, is returning to Peking via Russia and is expected to be figuring on the Chinese political stage again within a couple of months. It is reported that Marshal Chang Tso-lin offers no objections to his re-employment, especially as he has been recommended for service by General Lu Yung-hsiang, Tupan of Kiangsu. It is believed that his first appointment will be Vice-Minister of War in charge of the Luchunpu as General Wu Kwang-hsin desires retirement.

Medical inspection of children attending the schools operated by the Shanghai Municipal Council was proposed at a meeting of the Council Committee on Foreign Education. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that a report on the matter should be asked from the Commissioner of Public Health in order to learn whether some system of periodical inspection of school children could be devised with the staff now at his disposal, it being considered that much valuable assistance and advice could be rendered by the nurses in the Council's service.

In Bengal the Automobile Association does not seem adequately supported. Out of 12,700 registered private owners, but 2,000 belong to the Association, though that is an increase on the former numbers.

The wife of a farmer in the Tsinghsan district has given birth to a baby boy with the body of a snake, about six feet long, two noses, two mouths and four eyes, (says the Chinese press). The "infant" could speak as soon as he was born, we are further told, "but nobody could understand him." Attempts were made to strangle him, but when these failed, he was hit across the head with a heavy stick and killed. The body was later hung up on a tree.

A house which is one of the claimants to the title of having been the home of Dickens' little Nell has just had a narrow escape from being burned down. This is a shop in Portsmouth Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, visited by numerous tourists as the Old Curiosity Shop of renown. It has just passed to new tenants, and workmen employed on the interior left a fire burning in one of the rooms. Smoke was seen by passers-by at night, and the fire brigade being summoned fortunately arrived in good time to prevent any considerable damage.

The effect of the present Canadian immigration policy in encouraging farmers, farm labourers, and female household workers to come to Canada is indicated by a recent analysis according to occupation of immigrants arriving in Canada since 1920. In 1920 32 per cent. of the total immigration were agriculturists and domestics, and in 1921 35 per cent. Since then the ratio of agriculturists and domestics toward all immigration has been steadily increasing, being 44 per cent. for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1924, 47 per cent. for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1924, and 51 per cent. for the nine months April to December inclusive of 1924. In these nine months the total immigration to Canada was 100,570, of which agriculturists and domestics represented 51,056.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A Leighton Buzzard doctor has 300 influenza patients.

Mrs. Stanley Baldwin was an interested spectator of the film called "A Daughter of Love," shown for the first time at the Shown Picture Theatre in London.

This is how a Shanghai paper refers to Sir Robert Ho Tung's visit to the Wembley Exhibition. Sir Robert Ho Tung of Hongkong, prominent Chinese merchant and banker, has departed on a trip to the United States and Canada. He also expects to make a trip to Great Britain before returning to China.

As last year's president of the British Empire Exhibition, the Prince of Wales has written a foreword to a souvenir in photograph and letterpress, of the Government Pavilion and the Military Tattoo. "I think," he says, "that the British Government Pavilion has accomplished a great educational task, and he thanks all who took part in its organisation."

Hongkong theatregoers should be interested in the following:—It is only putting it mildly when one describes the staging of Reginald Berkeley's light comedy "French Leave," by the Hankow A. D. C. at the Victoria Hall as an unqualified success, says the C. C. Post. A bumper house attended and rocked with laughter right throughout the three acts, for the characters were interpreted by the cast with that verve which is so absolutely necessary to make a farce irresistibly humorous and yet not grotesque. Mrs. F. C. R. Keed was the heroine, "Mlle Juliette," Mme. Labinsky played "Mme. Deaux," Mr. C. S. Cheatham was "Capt. Harry Glenister" and Mr. Walter Neill "Brig-General Archibald Root."

The appointment of Mr. James Blair to the position of manager of the London branch office of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha has been very cordially received in London shipping circles, in which his high ability and tactful courtesy are held in the highest esteem. This is the first occasion that a European has held this appointment since the death of Captain James R. N. in 1910, in which year Mr. Blair was made a sub-manager. Mr. Blair for his services during the Russo-Japanese war was decorated with the 5th Order of the Rising Sun, while in acknowledgment of his excellent work during the Great War he received the 4th Order of the same honour.

Sir Thomas Lipton has presented the former home of his parents to Cambuslang District Nurses' Association, near Glasgow, as a nurses' home.

Mr. William B. Taylor, on his retirement from the Rangoon Pilot Service after over 20 years' service, was presented prior to his departure for home with a handsome piece of silver plate by his fellow pilots.

The Oxford University debaters, headed by Malcolm McDonald, son of the former British Premier, arrived at Honolulu in steerage because there were no other accommodations available when the vessel left San Francisco, and they did not wish to postpone their departure.

The first annual dinner and ball of the Singapore St. Patrick's Society was held at the Europe Hotel on March 17 when there was a large gathering of local Irishmen and their guests. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Guillemard, Admiral Thomas Washington, U.S.N., and Mrs. Washington were present.

We hear very little of Queen Alexandra nowadays, says a Home writer. Her life at Sandringham is very secluded, but she nearly always has friends or relations staying with her. Her charity in the neighbourhood is a byword, and there are few poor cottages within a radius of thirty miles that have not benefited by her residence there.

Speaking at South Shields Miss Ellen Wilkinson, the Labour M.P., whose hair was recently shingled, said it was just impossible to be the only Labour woman in the House just because one was the only Labour woman. "The Press," she declared, "don't mind what you are saying. It is the colour of your frock and the way you wear your hair that they notice, and concentrate upon silly things that just don't matter."

The cross-word idea is getting to such absurd lengths that the Cosmo Club in London is arranging a tea dance, at which members will be given paper caps on which are pairs of words. "A man with the letters 'B E' on his cap will have to find a partner from among those women with 'say' for 'An' on their caps. Slips with complete words written on them will be put into a hat, and when this is drawn the couple who have made that word between their two caps will receive some present or other."

Mr. J. Mc Gordon returned to the Colony by the Empress of Russia.

The annual re-union dinner of all ranks is to be held in the Volunteer Headquarters on Monday the 20th inst. Mr. L. Hamilton Kearne is in charge of arrangements.

Announcement is made of the retirement from the firm of Messrs. Lo and Lo, solicitors, of Mr. A. E. Hall, who has been partner in the firm.

Mr. T. W. Massey of Messrs. Halyon Massey Co. is a passenger to Shanghai on the Paul Learat. Mr. Serge Stupin, who recently gave a cello recital in Hongkong, is also a passenger.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Cameron left yesterday for Shanghai. Mr. Cameron is superintending engineer for Messrs. Butterfield and Swire and has been transferred temporarily to Shanghai.

At a whist drive arranged between Epping Literary and Mechanics' Institute and Epping Women's Institute, each table will be occupied by two women as partners against two men partners.

Major-General C. Tward, C.B., C.M.G., commanding H. B. M. Forces in China, has intimated to the Shanghai Municipal Council that he will be able to conduct the annual inspection of the Volunteer Corps from April 27 to May 2, inclusive.

The Queen wore large goggles to protect her eyes when she entered the artificial sunlight room in paying a surprise visit with Lady Desborough to St Thomas' Hospital. After watching the children enjoying themselves in the brilliant rays of the mercury vapour lamps, the Queen visited the Mary Ward maternity cases. She was greatly interested in an adjoining room filled with cots in which were babies, some only a few days old.

The announcement that the Prince of Wales is to visit Uruguay and Chile as well as the Argentine has slipped out in a curiously casual way. It is the first time that an heir to the British Throne has visited South America, and it is a great compliment to the Prince and to the British nation that he should receive these cordial invitations from three of the leading Spanish-American Republics. Moreover, it is not only flattering, but there is good business in it also.

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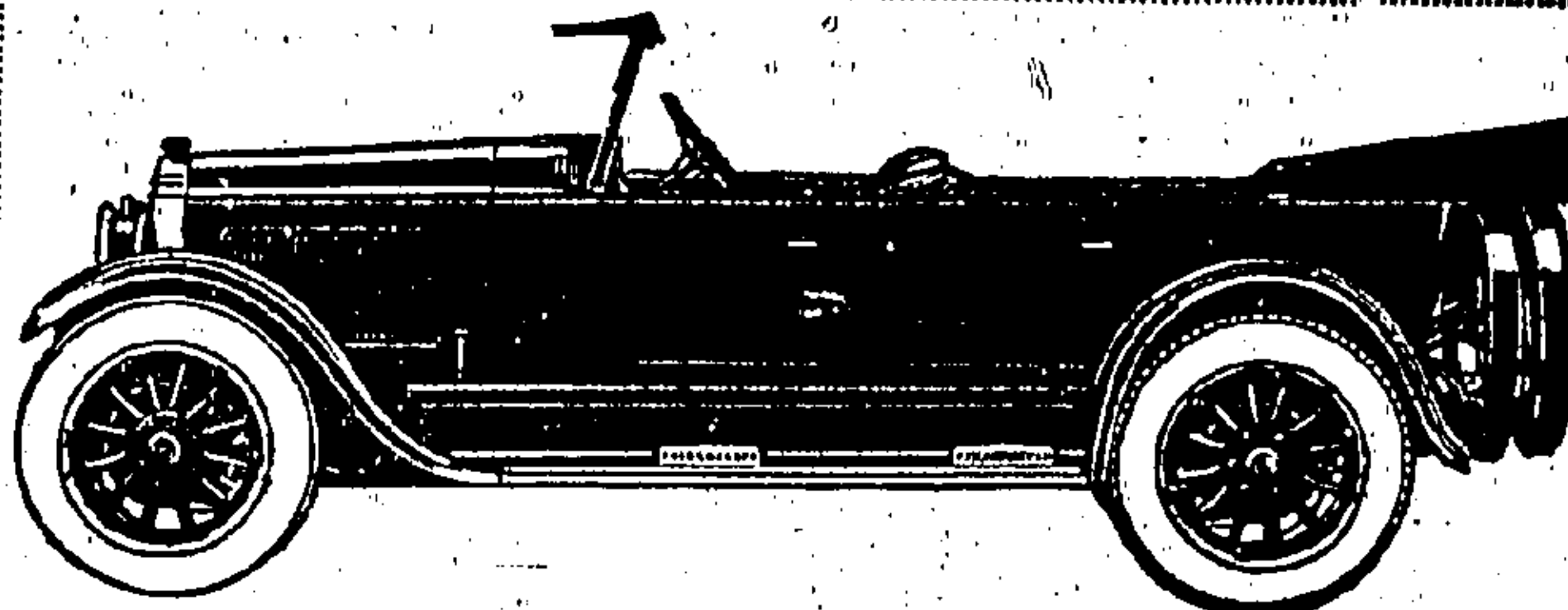
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# THE CAMPAIGN WILL CLOSE ON APRIL 4TH

At 6 p.m. in The Campaign Office. Votes will be counted and the prizes will be awarded in the GRILL ROOM of the Hongkong Hotel starting at 9 p.m.

The Public is invited to watch the count—subscriptions may be turned in up to 6 p.m. on Saturday April 4th.



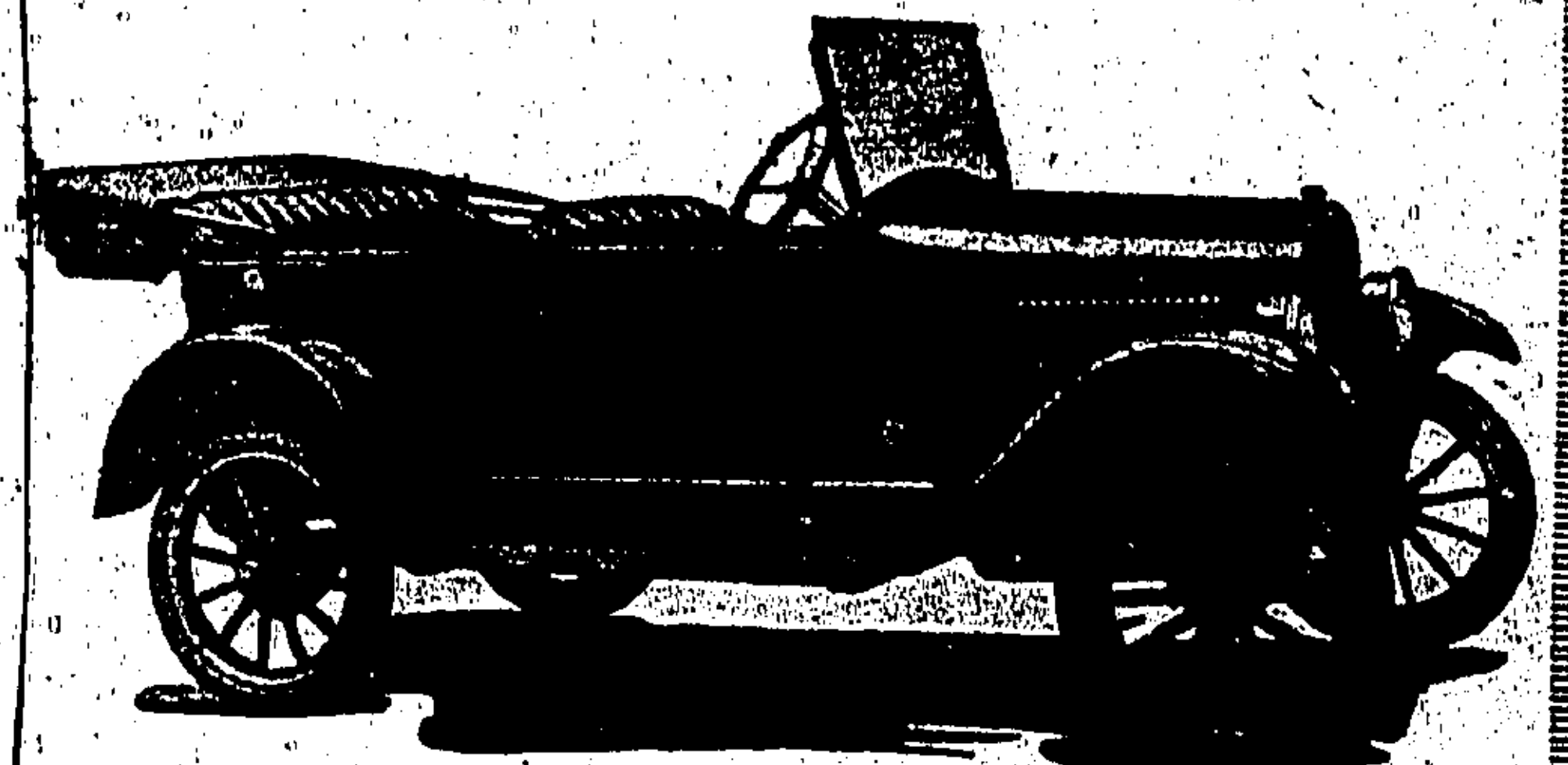
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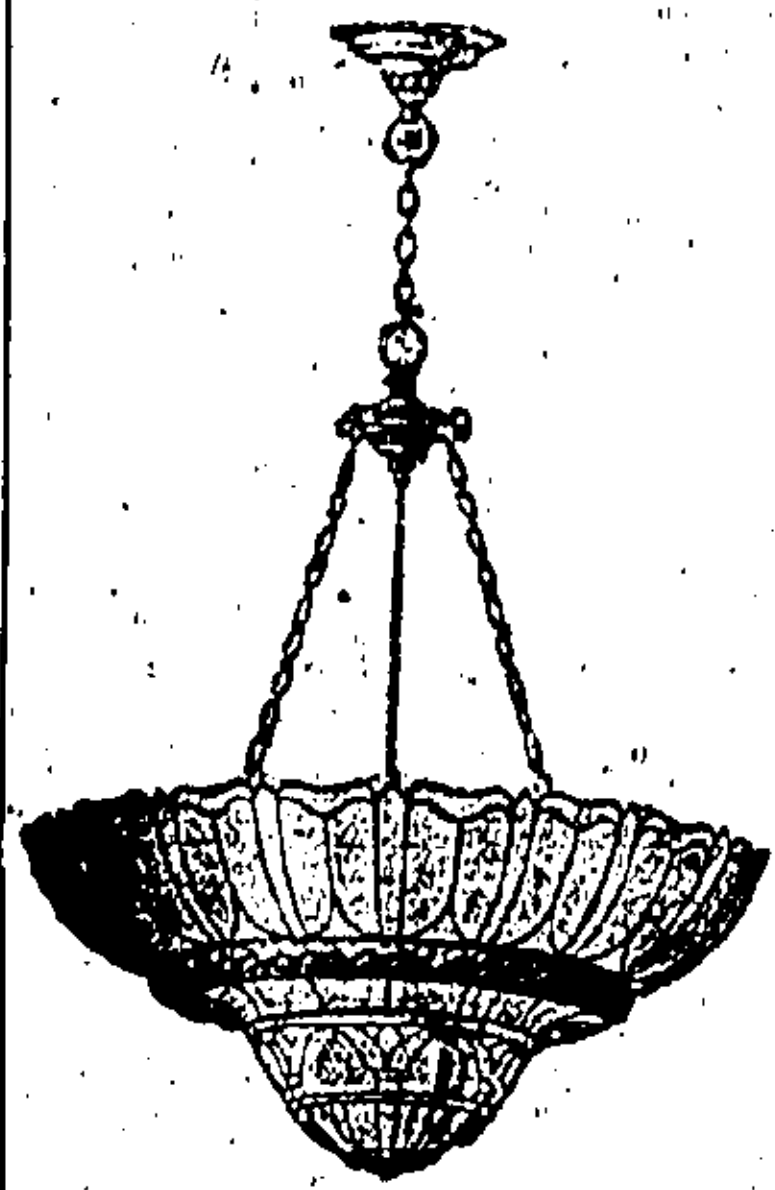
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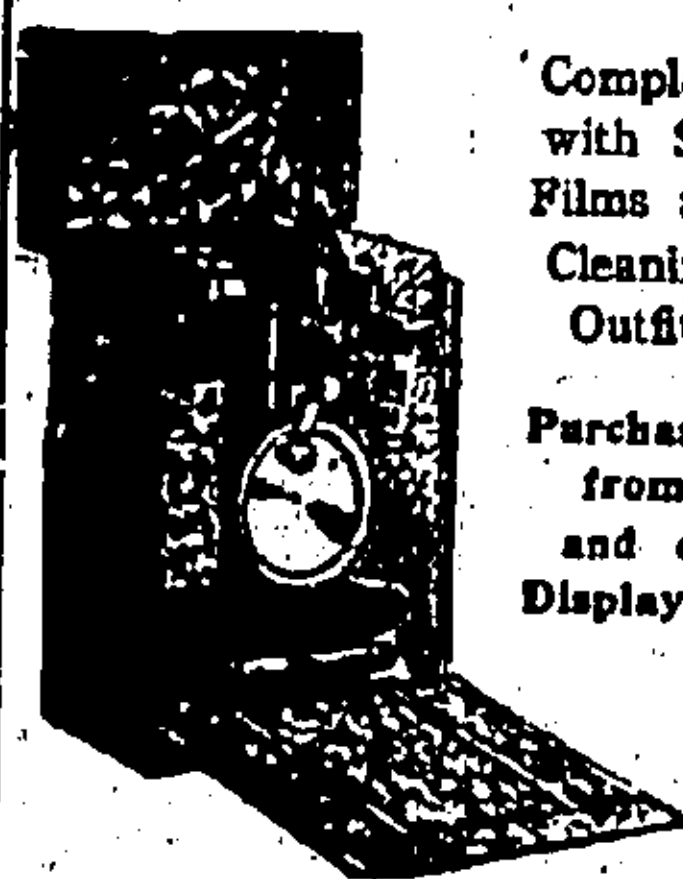
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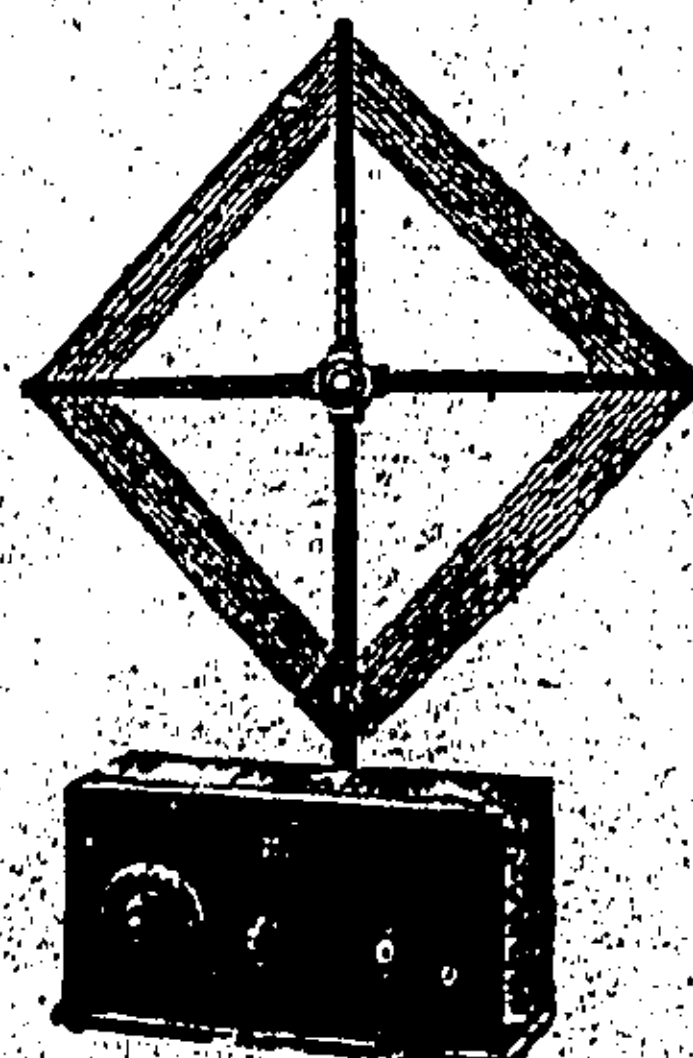
The count of votes and awarding of prizes will take place in the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel, beginning at 9 p.m., April 4. As soon as all votes have been counted, the judges will immediately award the prizes. Contestants must be present or have a representative present in order to select the prize desired. Every contestant is requested to appoint one person to act as judge.

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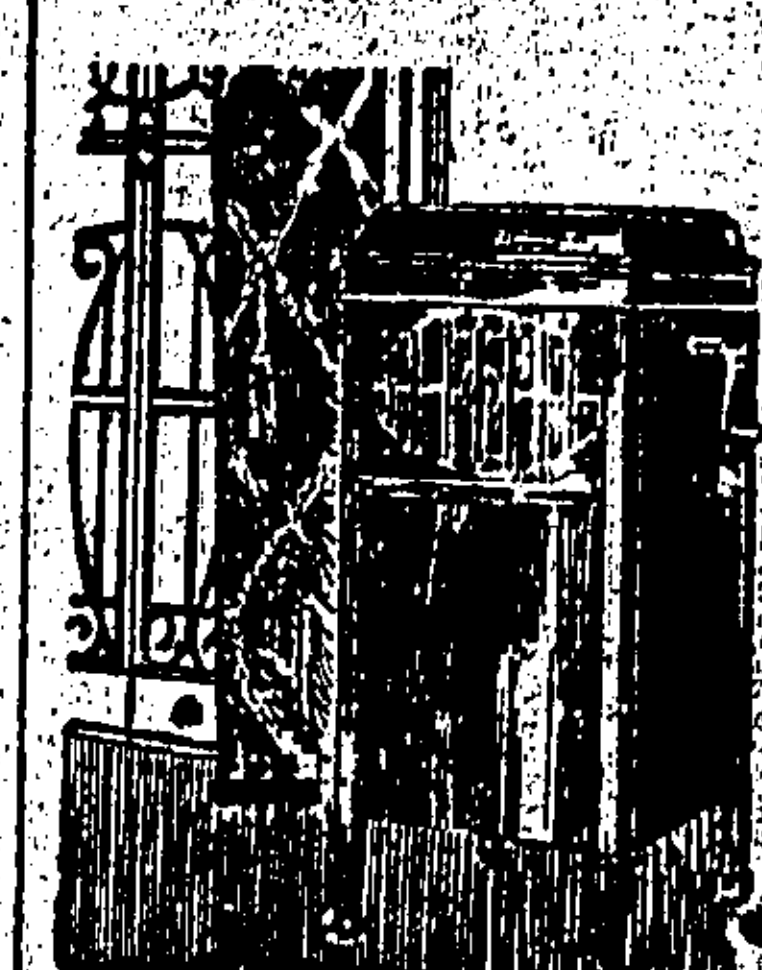
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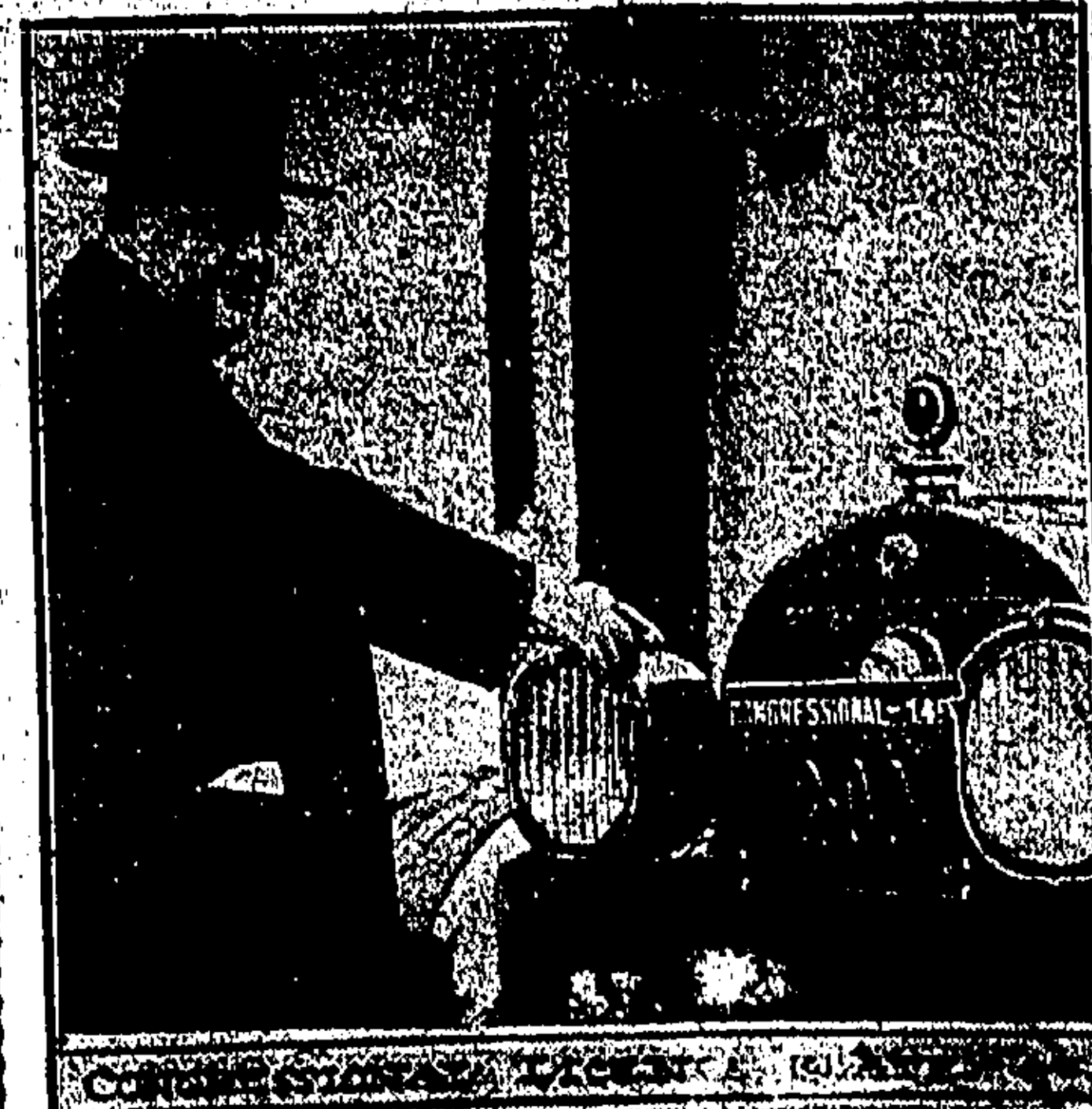
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Mr. and Mrs. Lee Collins, father and stepmother of Floyd Collins, who was found dead after seventeen days' imprisonment in Sand Cave, Kentucky, are inconsolable with grief. Days and nights of suffering and suspense came to a climax by the announcement that their son was no longer alive, despite his frantic battle against Nature for his life.

### Society Wedding.



The engagement of Miss Emmeline Marion Grace, to Capt. Sir Michael William Selby Bruce, Bart., R.F.A., has just been announced by her parents. Sir Michael, a wounded hero of the Somme, is eleventh Baronet in his line and the family claims descent from Robert Bruce. He was born on March 27, 1884, and is a poet and author as well as a soldier. Miss Grace is an only daughter and since her debut she has been prominent in society.

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### NEW JAPANESE ENVOY.



Teiichi Matsuoka, new Japanese Ambassador to the United States, with Madam Matsuoka and their children. A diplomatic precedent of years was broken Thursday, when the announcement of the appointment was immediately followed by statement by the United States Secretary of State, warmly complimentary to the new envoy. It is not customary for the Secretary to make any statement regarding a new ambassador until he has arrived here and presented his credentials; but an exception was made to counteract the effect of the denials made this week by Representative Fred B. Brown, of Illinois, and the resolution which he introduced into the House calling for a conference of "the white peoples bordering on the Pacific."

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### Hawaiian Costume.



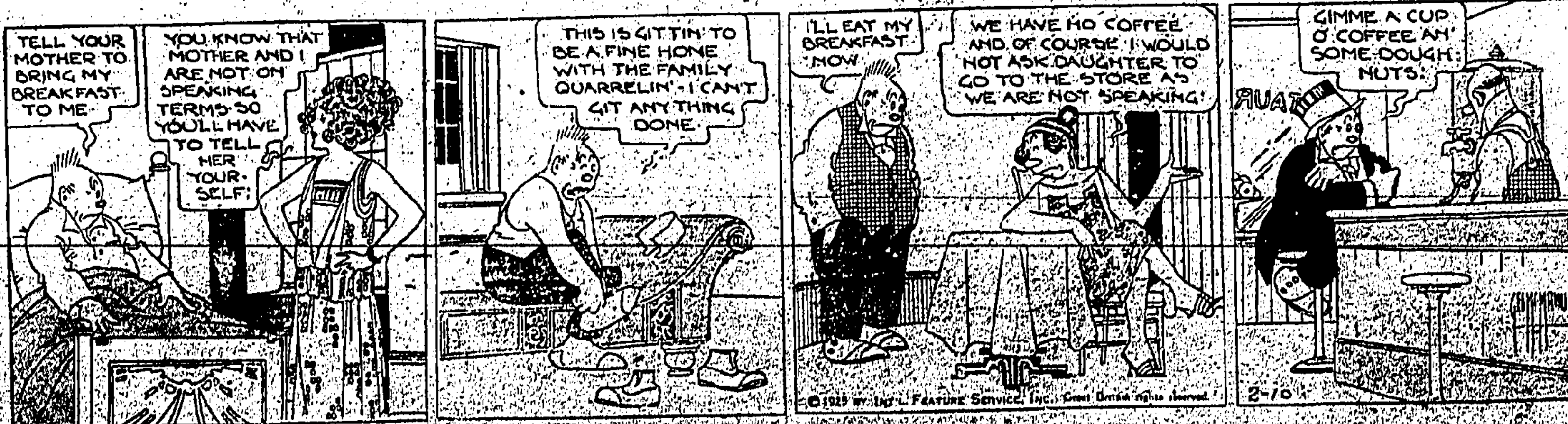
Glida Gray dons real Hawaiian costume—part of it, at least—and does her inspiring version of a South Sea Island shimmy amid the inspiring tropical surroundings of Hollywood-by-the-sea, Florida.

### "CZARINA" ENJOYS CROSS WORDS.



The Grand Duchess Cyril, of Russia, has succumbed to the crossword puzzle mania. The Duchess is the wife of the Grand Duke Cyril Valdimirovitch, who recently proclaimed himself "Czar Cyril I, Emperor of All the Russias." The Grand Duchess Victoria Feodorovna, Grand Duchess Cyril, of Russia, is a daughter of the late Admiral of the Fleet, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, who became first Duke of Edinburgh in the British peerage, and of the Grand Duchess Marie Alexandrovna, only daughter of Czar Alexander II, of Russia. She is thus a granddaughter of Queen Victoria, a sister of Queen Marie, of Rumania, and a first cousin of King George.

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## WEATHER REPORT.

April 1d. 11h. 30m.—Pressure has increased considerably over N.E. Japan. It has decreased moderately over the Loochoos and Ishigaki, and slightly at Shanghai. It is nearly stationary elsewhere. The anticyclone has strengthened and moved to the north of Tokyo.

Depressions are shown to the north of Ishigaki, over Indo-China and over N.E. China.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.70 inch. Total since January 1st, 13.30 inches, against an average of 6.23 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending on April 2nd:

- 1.—Formosa Channel, N. to N.E. winds, moderate.
- 2.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Loochoos, E. winds, moderate; overcast, rain, fog.
- 3.—Hongkong to Gap Rock, E. winds, moderate; overcast, rain, fog.
- 4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, E. winds, moderate; overcast, rain, fog.

## ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONGKONG.

## DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

APRIL 1, 1925.—a.m.

| Station.      | Barometer at Sea Level | Temperature | Humidity | Direction | Force | Wind |
|---------------|------------------------|-------------|----------|-----------|-------|------|
| Victoria Peak | 30.14                  | 35          | 85       | SE        | 1     | 0    |
| Victoria      | 30.18                  | 35          | 85       | SE        | 1     | 0    |
| Admiralty     | 30.23                  | 35          | 85       | SE        | 1     | 0    |
| Island        | 30.23                  | 35          | 85       | SE        | 1     | 0    |
| Island        | 30.18                  | 35          | 85       | SE        | 1     | 0    |
| Nagasaki      | 30.10                  | 35          | 85       | SE        | 1     | 0    |
| Kagoshima     | 30.10                  | 35          | 85       | SE        | 1     | 0    |
| Yokohama      | 30.10                  | 35          | 85       | SE        | 1     | 0    |
| Shanghai      | 30.10                  | 35          | 85       | SE        | 1     | 0    |
| Amoy          | 30.10                  | 35          | 85       | SE        | 1     | 0    |
| Swatow        | 30.10                  | 35          | 85       | SE        | 1     | 0    |
| Shanghai      | 30.10                  | 35          | 85       | SE        | 1     | 0    |
| Amoy          | 30.10                  | 35          | 85       | SE        | 1     | 0    |
| Swatow        | 30.10                  | 35          | 85       | SE        | 1     | 0    |

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Knut Hamsun, (Nor) Kwong Ngon Sing, Bangkok, Kobsicheng, Paul Lecat, (Fr) M. M. Cje, from Marseilles, Saigon.  
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Hida Wah, (Chi) C. M. S. & Co., from Tientsin, Shanghai.

## DEPARTURES.

Wing Hong, (Br) Williamson & Co. for Hongkong.  
Toyo Maru, No. 2 (Jap) M. B. K., for Tientsin.  
Ararua, (Br) M. M. & Co. for Melbourne, Manila.  
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